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■ by KATE NELSON
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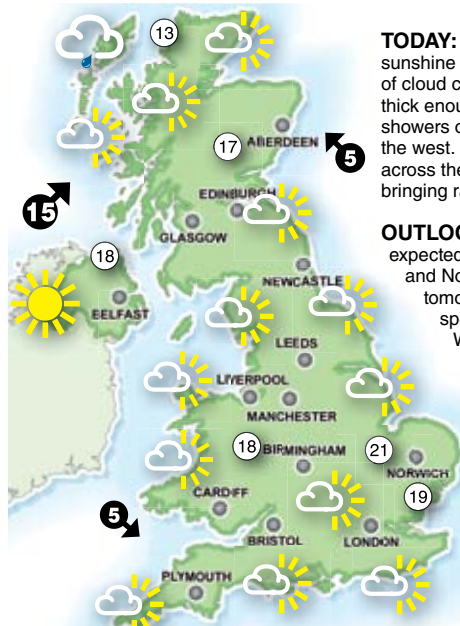
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TODAY'S WEATHER



TODAY: Dry with periods of sunshine and variable amounts of cloud cover which will be thick enough to bring a few light showers or spots of drizzle in the west. Clouds will thicken across the far north-west bringing rain later.

OUTLOOK: Some rain is expected across Scotland and Northern Ireland tomorrow, with sunny spells in England and Wales as well. Mainly dry across the UK on Friday, with sunny spells too.



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2ND CHANCE DRAW, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12: 12, 28, 29, 45, 48
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SATURDAY, JUNE 15
No jackpot winner. Tonight's big prize £5.2million.

LOTTO	01	09	25	29	34	39	22
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Tuesday, June 18.
No jackpot winner.
Friday's top prize estimated at £164m.

SET FOR LIFE: MONDAY, JUNE 17: 06, 22, 23, 36, 41 LIFE BALL: 06
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GENERAL ELECTION: JUST 15 DAYS OF THIS NONSENSE LEFT

Binface Nige dig

COUNT Binface has taunted Nigel Farage's Reform UK party for failing to pick up any endorsements.

It comes after the intergalactic space warrior shared our front page offering him our official endorsement yesterday.

He wrote: "National newspaper endorsements: Count Binface 1 Reform UK 0."

The count is hoping to beat PM Rishi "Biggles" Sunak in Richmond, North Yorks.

Beer tax 'on ice'

FREEZING beer duty is "important" for pubs, Sir Keir Starmer said, as he signalled his support for the tax measure.

The Labour leader said he backed comments made by shadow chancellor Rachel Reeves. She hinted the freeze could continue under Labour, although she didn't commit to it.

Sir Keir said: "I think it is important that we support hospitality and the beer duty is part of the package there."

Reform TV time

THE BBC will let Reform UK take part in an extra Question Time leaders' special after Nigel Farage complained about being excluded.

The Beeb said it reflects "the fact that it is clear from a broad range of opinion polls that the support for Reform UK has been growing".

The June 28 show will also include the Green Party.

Turning to Bozo

THE Tories have called on Boris "Bozo" Johnson to counter the threat from Nigel Farage.

Thousands of letters signed by the ex-PM will be posted to voters urging them not to back Reform UK as it risks putting Labour in power for a "generation".

They are thought to have been sent to Bozo backers deciding whether to choose Reform.

WHO VOTES FOR THESE SEXY FOLK?

Pair named politics' hottest

by ADAM CAILLER

NIGEL Farage and ex-home secretary **Cruella Braverman** have been crowned the UK's sexiest politicians.

Female voters are fawning over Reform UK leader Mr Farage.

He beat Conservatives Johnny Mercer and Jacob Rees-Mogg, as well as Labour leader Sir Keir Starmer.

Ms Braverman beat fellow Tory Esther McVey and Labour's Rosena Allin-Khan in the IllicitEncounters poll.

Jessica Leoni, from the dating site, said: "It's not just about looks, it's about swagger, confidence and a dash of power that gets the heart racing."

Overall, the Tories bagged 51% of the total vote compared to Labour's 28.5%.

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CHOPPY: PM with a lobster

★ **RISHI** "Biggles" Sunak smiles aboard a not-sinking-ship as he joins a group of fishermen catching lobsters during a campaign visit to a "safe" Tory seat.

The PM met Sir Geoffrey Cox MP on the beach in Clovelly, North Devon, where they talked to local Conservative supporters.

★ He took a brief trip out on a fishing boat amid choppy waters to look at lobster pots before heading back to the shore.

The re-jigged North Devon seat has been held by the Tories since 2015 – currently with a huge 24,992-vote majority from 2019.

Mia

★ **LOOKING** every inch the Baywatch babe, Mia can't wait for summer to arrive.

★ The 24-year-old Essex girl says: "I'm

expecting 30 degrees. What do we all think?"

★ We reckon, in that get-up, if you were any hotter you'd be on fire, as would your fans.

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ACCIDENT: Renner

Jezza's blessed

JEREMY Renner described getting crushed by a snow plough as a blessing.

The Hawkeye actor reckons last year's freak accident helped fans see him for more than his Avengers comic-book character.

The 53-year-old said: "It's probably one of the greatest things that's ever happened to me in my life."

He added: "Being known for who you are as a human is really f***ing cool."

"People treat me differently now, they don't treat me like a fan of Hawkeye."

Benidorm THE MOVIE



HOT HIT: The cast in the Spanish resort

Star Sherrie in chat over film

BENIDORM star Sherrie Hewson has revealed the show could be turned into a film.

Sherrie, 73, who played Joyce Temple-Savage, told Good Morning Britain: "It's absolutely huge on Netflix. "Everybody in the world

■ **by JOE CRUTCHLEY**

watches it now, and every-one stops me in the street and asks if it's returning.

"It would make a film. I think it would be brilliant." Asked if she had spoken to creator Derren Litten, 53, Sherrie said: "Yes. I

think he loved the idea. He's a brilliant, brilliant writer. He'd make the most wonderful film."

The ITV hit won Baftas and National Television Awards after launching in 2007 but was axed in 2018.

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ENGLAND FANS CAN HAVE



BEATLE: McCartney

Jude on track to net No1

HEY Jude is set to top the charts thanks to England superstar Jude Bellingham's Euro 24 performances.

The Real Madrid player scored the winner in the Three Lions' opener against Serbia on Sunday.

Fans belt out the chorus of the Beatles' anthem from the terraces in his honour.

The song, which was written by Paul McCartney and was the UK's biggest-selling single in 1968, is 2-1 with bookies Ladbrokes to become No1 once again by the end of July.

The firm's Alex Apati said: "If England go all the way in Germany, we'd be amazed if Hey Jude wasn't at the top of the charts at some point."



JOURNEY: The pals

Thumbs up from hitchhikers

YOUNG England fans have gone on the trip of a lifetime by hitchhiking to Germany for the Euros.

Kian Patel, 23, and Mujaahid Chaudhry, 21, both from Bolton, crossed five countries after setting off on Thursday morning.

They were challenged by outdoor brand Columbia to get to the Three Lions' opening game under their own steam, ahead of the launch of the firm's new hiking footwear collection.

Mujaahid said he was surprised by the kindness of those who gave them lifts, adding: "Everyone was super-happy to be part of the adventure and really rooting for us to get to the game in time."



ON TO A WINNER: Vicky Pattison enjoys herself. Right, King and Queen arrive



IT'LL END



SUPPORTERS' CHEERS: Fans in Germany

ENGLAND fans can end years of football hurt at tomorrow's Euro 24 clash – by supping proper beer in their seats.

Boozing at grounds has been banned in the UK since 1985 to combat trouble.

But Three Lions fans behaved so well during the team's tournament opener against Serbia, they will be allowed to sup proper ale at the second game in Frankfurt.

Only no or low-alcohol fare was on offer for England's opening match after it was earmarked before the tournament as "high

Strong booze in stands for well-behaved fans

by JERRY LAWTON in Germany

But the Football Supporters' Association, which gives advice to fans, said: "Alcohol is expected to be back to normal for this game with no restrictions on sale and normal beer percentages available. And you should be able to drink in the stands."

English pubs sold 2million extra pints as fans piled in to watch the Serbia match.

The nation's 35,000 boozers each flogged 55 more ales than usual, while every bar in Scotland shifted an extra 107 pints during their opening game.

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PITCH-SIDE PINTS AT LAST



Ascot flower power

★ **RETRO** girlband The Tootsie Rollers look blooming lovely on the first day of Royal Ascot. The flowery five were joined in the sunshine by a host of glamorous racegoers, including one sporting a Union Flag dress, top, and others hitting the track in huge hats, below and top left. ★ The King and Queen joined punters at the Berks meeting as they bid to add to the tally of Royal Ascot winners.



MONEY: Ascot boost

Racing townies cash in

LOCALS are cashing in on Royal Ascot - by selling parking spaces, drinks and even flip-flops to punters.

The races are a big boost to the Ascot economy with fans and celebs heading to the Berkshire town.

One man claimed his neighbour made £4,000 last year selling flip-flops and water, while another offers his driveway to punters.

Resident Jon Grimes, 52, said: "Our kids used to sell lemonade and brownies... so they'd make some good pocket money."

Brian Greatorex, 68, hires out his driveway. He said: "The official car parks cost £45 - so if you offer your driveway for £30..."



SHIRT ROW: Lineker

BBC: TV kit rules are clear

THE BBC has said presenters are "regularly reminded" of dress rules after Gary Lineker appeared to wear clothes he advertises on screen.

Lineker, 63, wore a T-shirt and jacket like ones from the Next range he endorses, during England's Euros opener against Serbia.

BBC guidelines state that presenters "must not appear on air wearing clothing or using products or services which they have agreed/been contracted to promote, advertise or endorse".

A BBC spokesman said presenters "provide their own wardrobe" and that they were "regularly reminded of the guidelines".

IN BEERS



MATCH WINNER: Jude Bellingham goes for a ride at the team's base. Right, his girlfriend Laura Celia Valk poses on Instagram. Far right, Harry Kane in the gym



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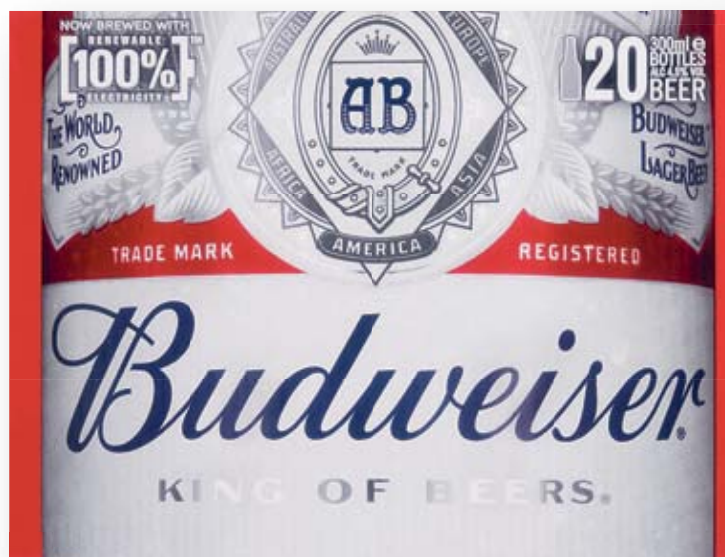
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SORE PAW: Heat risk

Pooch fake fire alarm

DOGS' paws could be roasted on artificial lawns that can hit 40C as the mercury rises.

More than three quarters of owners understand the danger of hot pavements, but 58% are unaware plastic grass could burn their pet.

A poll for Pets At Home said: "With the growing trend for artificial grass in gardens, many pet owners are not aware of the risk it could pose to their pets' delicate paws."

"And with the Met Office predicting 2024 to be potentially the hottest year on record, pet owners need to be even more vigilant this summer."

WORD OF

BRAINIAC: A very bright person – from the super-intelligent villain in the Action Comics series and its spin-offs.

THE DAY



TARGET: TV host

TV Fern stalker's banned

AN "obsessive" fan has been banned from entering Cornwall for 10 years after a "campaign of stalking" against Fern Britton.

James Haviland, 63, sent the former This Morning host, 66, flowers and stayed in her holiday cottage.

He pleaded guilty to stalking the Celebrity Big Brother star without causing fear, alarm or distress, between November 2021 and September 2023.

Haviland, of Chineham, Hants, was also handed a 12-month community order and 150 hours of unpaid work and he was told to pay a £114 victim surcharge at Basingstoke Magistrates Court.

Don't be afraid.. that yellow ball of fire in sky is just THE SUN



Pictures: JAMES LINSELL CLARK/SWNS



■ by ADAM CAILLER and JAMES CAVEN

BRITAIN is set to bake in a 30C heatwave this weekend.

Forecasters say temperatures will finally hit the high 20s – and could even reach 30C by Sunday.

And the hot blast is expected to last at least five days.

Exacta Weather's James Madden said: "At the absolute bare minimum, we should be looking at a good three to five-day very warm and hot period or longer, with potentially excessively hot weather developing during this period."

He said "major heat" will get drawn north due to high pressure across our shores.

"These temperatures could reach the low to mid-30s in parts of the south at the peak of this within the next several days, with parts further north and into Ireland also potentially seeing the 30C mark being reached."

Bookies have slashed the odds on the mercury hitting that level before the end of June. Alex Apati, from Ladbrokes, said: "It's taken a while to get here, but with temperatures finally on the up, the latest odds suggest 30C highs could soon be on the cards across the UK."

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BASH JUST SPLASHING

- ★ STUDENTS take a dip in the River Cam after a night of partying at Cambridge University's annual Trinity May Ball to celebrate the end of their exams.
- ★ Guests, one of whom is pictured walking home, inset, paid at least £210 for a ticket and enjoyed "unlimited food and drink" as well as a fireworks display.

DAILY STAR Says

Sandwich coarse..

THE world is a busy place.

And all of us have to eat on the move sometimes.

We've all glared at someone munching stinky food on public transport – and a lot of us will admit we have been "that person".

But most of us know where to draw the line.

Or so we thought!

A shocking study has found a quarter of young adults admit they snack while on the loo.

Now, we aren't medically trained here at the Daily Star, but we have done some mandatory health and safety courses.

And we're pretty certain that eating while sitting on the bog contravenes most hygiene guidelines.

We're all for multitasking when the time is right – it's what keeps the world going round.

But do your business and wash your hands before you think about having a munch!

Leopard spotting

PEOPLE have been saying for years that big cats are roaming the British countryside.

But there's never been any conclusive photographic proof.

It's always blurry or from so far away it could just be a black dog or large domestic moggy.

And many who claim to have encountered a leopard or a puma are dismissed as being mad or mistaken.

But now big-cat experts are backing John Broomhead's claim that he was chased by a panther in the Peak District.

It's important to look into these claims and investigate, rather than just reject them as hogwash.

Otherwise we'll be very unprepared when the aliens finally turn up!

Leaf it out

THE French reckon they can make a better cup of tea than us Brits.

Brew la la!

THE WAY-OUT WESTMINSTER HOPEFULS

UnCommons people

★ **YESTERDAY** we lifted the lid on Count Binface's manifesto for Britain – as he campaigns to enter Parliament with a litter of hard-to-refuse policies, including national service for ex-prime ministers. But he's not the only wacky candidate to stand as an MP over the years.

★ Here **JAMES MOORE** reveals some unusual contenders for the House of Commons...



Sutch a laugh: Screaming Lord Sutch (David Edward Sutch) founded the Official Monster Raving Loony Party in the 1960s. He stood in vain for Parliament a record 39 times, with policies like axing Mondays. The likes of Nick the Incredible Flying Brick are standing for the party this time.

Wuff result: In 1979, writer Auberon Waugh stood against ex-Liberal leader Jeremy Thorpe in North Devon, for the Dog Lovers' Party, getting 79 votes. Thorpe was acquitted of conspiracy to murder in the attempted killing of ex-boyfriend Norman Scott, whose dog Rinka had been shot dead.

Three-line whip: Brothel owner Cynthia Payne stood as the Payne and Pleasure Party candidate at the 1988 Kensington by-election aiming to legalise prostitution. She won 400 votes.

Party food: Comedian Pamela Stephenson stood in the 1987 general election in Windsor and Maidenhead for the Blancmange Throwers Party, getting 328 votes.

Hash of it: Drug smuggler Howard Marks stood

unsuccessfully in four seats in the 1997 general election on the policy of legalising cannabis.

Bust in me: Katie Price, inset, stood in the 2001 general election for a Manchester seat. She polled 713 votes.

Slice try: Tom Barber stood in the same election in Battersea for the No Fruit Out of Context Party, aiming to abolish the sin of pineapple on pizza. He got 411 votes.

Y-ickes! Conspiracy theorist and TV star David Icke, below, stood at the Haltemprice and Howden by-election in Yorkshire in 2008. He got 110 votes.

Bez hope: Happy Mondays star Bez, left, stood in the 2015 general election for Salford and Eccles on the platform of "free energy, free food and free anything". He won 703 votes.

Pint of order: Pub Landlord comedian Al Murray stood against Nigel Farage in South Thanet in 2015 vowing to make beer 1p a pint. He won 318 votes.

Bake Britain great again: Captain Beany has stood lots of times as an MP – and is doing so again in Aberafan Maesteg, Wales, this time. A pact with Mr Fishfinger, who stood against ex-Lib Dem leader Tim Farron in Cumbria in 2017, securing 309 votes, surely beckons?

Elmo's fired up: Dressed as Sesame Street's Elmo, fathers' rights activist Bobby Smith stood against Boris "Bozo" Johnson at the 2019 general election, getting eight votes. He's standing against Sir Keir Starmer in London on July 4.



COLOURFUL CANDIDATES: Lord Sutch and Bez



THE BRAINBOX

BRAINS OF BRITAIN

We asked you to name something with a fold. Newspapers are the best:

- 1 Newspaper
- 2 Paper aeroplane
- 3 Envelope
- 4 Book (cover)
- 5 A piece of paper
- 6 Tablecloth
- 7 Handkerchief
- 8 Sheet

9= Birthday card, skirt, space and time, wallet, flip phone, eyelid, poker hand, origami, magazine

- 1 What is the name of the postmistress and nosey parker who was played by Deena Payne in Emmerdale?
- 2 Which Premier League club does Daniel Kretinsky, the wannabe owner of Royal Mail, have a stake in?

- 3 What is the name of the musician in the picture?
- 4 Spell it out loud quickly – what is the full name of a T-Rex?
- 5 Which piece on a chess board is only allowed to move diagonally?

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ANSWERS:

1) Viv Windsor/Hope; 2) West Ham; 3) Alison Moyet; 4) Tyrannosaurus; 5) Bishop.

Q What links House Of The Dragon with the Chatsworth Estate?

GARETH HAVE-IT

A Twins Elliott and Luke Tittensor started their acting career playing Carl Gallagher in Shameless.



THAT OLE DEVIL: Who is she?



‘STEER’: Ex-post boss

Vennells Horizon ‘blocks’

A FORENSIC accountant said ex-Post Office boss Paula Vennells “frequently and consistently” tried to steer him away from probing miscarriages of justice.

Ian Henderson told the Horizon inquiry he had signed a non-disclosure agreement after being paid by the Post Office to review cases involving the faulty IT system in 2012.

He said he faced “various threats” of legal action from the company and felt he was “dealing with a cover-up... and possibly a criminal conspiracy”.

Mr Henderson said despite Ms Vennells telling him the Post Office was the “nation’s most trusted brand”, he thought the firm felt it was “above the law”.

FACT OF

THERE are more fake flamingos in the world than real ones.

THE DAY



MENU SHIFT: Insects

Looking forward to grub

INSECT salads and lab-grown steaks will be on our plates by 2054, food boffins have predicted.

The unusual grub is set to replace home-cooked favourites such as the roast dinner or fish and chips.

FixOurFood and University of York experts used AI to predict what will be on our mealtime plates in the future.

They discovered “options that seem radical and almost unbelievable” now could become the norm.

Bob Doherty, a dean at York University, said: “By 2054, British people will have edible insects on their dinner plate. We may even see the introduction of 3D-printed food.”

Ab Fab to see you again

★ THE stars of Ab Fab reunite for the first time since 2016 for a TV special. Dame Joanna Lumley and Jennifer Saunders will look back on the 90s sitcom, right.

★ The duo will be joined by co-stars Julia Sawalha and Jane Horrocks.

Absolutely Fabulous: Inside Out will also pay tribute to June Whitfield, who died in 2018 aged 93. Dame Joanna said: “It was a fabulous wander down memory lane.”

★ The documentary, by Expectation, will air on Gold later this year.

Picture: ADAM LAWRENCE/PA

EATING ON THE BOG? IT'S POTTY Mucky Gen Zers tuck in during toilet time

■ by KATE NELSON
MUCKY Gen Zers love to have a snack on the toilet.

A quarter of Brits aged 18 to 24 enjoy grabbing a bite to eat on the bog while 10% even manage to munch in the shower.

Those aged over 65 are least likely to have a nibble in the bathroom, a poll found.

The car was the most popular snack spot across all age groups, while a shy 7% have even grazed in a wardrobe.

Roxana de Sousa, nutrition expert at Dole Sunshine, which commissioned the survey, said: “We weren’t expecting so many crazy snacking locations. This highlights the need to eat in peace and at pace, with little time to prepare a snack.”

Boredom was the top reason for Brits to head to the fridge, while boiled eggs, tuna sarnies and sushi were considered sinful snacks on a train or bus.

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A SWIFT CHAT FOR SABRINA

SABRINA Carpenter has revealed she and **Taylor Swift** discussed her involvement with **Kim Kardashian's SKIMS** company. The Espresso star received criticism for advertising Kardashian's brand while on tour with Swift, who is considered Kim K's nemesis among her fanbase. Sabrina revealed: "As much as people want to believe you're tuned into every little thing, I'm not

because I'm constantly working. In that scenario, I've been very, very communicative with her about that situation, and I just love her so much and support her till the end. So it was no weirdness for me, but I know people will just say things because that's all they have time to do." She added to Rolling Stone: "We're very, very verbal with each other about our mutual love and admiration."

WIRED

THE enduring power of **Kylie's Padam Padam** was felt at the prestigious **Ascap London Awards** last night. **Peter Rycroft**, aka **Lostboy**, who wrote the tune, nabbed four gongs including **Songwriter Of The Year**.

WORLD

WIRED

OSZIE Osbourne's wish to do one last gig with **Black Sabbath** could yet come true. Bassist **Geezer Butler** said: "I'm definitely up for it. Me and Ozzy have agreed, but I'm not sure about anybody else."

WORLD



They will be The Cure for Bludfest

YUNG BID TO LURE UK ROCK LEGENDS

HE'S shaking up the UK festival scene and next **YungBlud** plans to do the same in America and beyond.

The Doncaster hero's inaugural Bludfest takes place at Milton Keynes Bowl on August 11 featuring the likes of **Lil Yachty**, **The Damned** and more.

And he's already plotting a US version with some legends of the alternative music scene.

YungBlud spilled: "We're talking about taking it to America and Australia. "I'm going to try and reach out to **The Smashing Pumpkins** or **The Cure** for next year, then the plan is to take it to America in the middle of the year. That looks like it's happening. I want it to be this constant thing that people can come to every year and for it to be affordable, to show that music is for everyone.

"At the minute, it's not - it's becoming inaccessible and that's bulls**t."

YungBlud is making sure Bludfest tickets remain as low as possible, even if it means he doesn't get paid.

He explained: "I don't really make money from my music. I have to go on tour and sell merch. That's how I can eat. The fanbase, I

owe them. I just said, '11 bands for £49.50? Everyone was like, '£60? £55?' [I said], 'No, £49.50, that's it'."

He's got the backing of The Cure's **Robert Smith** who has previously criticised promoters for ramping up ticket prices.

Recalling their first meeting, YungBlud told Music Week: "I met him at the [2020] NME Awards.

"Seeing him at the table I was like, 'F***ing hell.' I took my mum as my date, and we sat at the table and I went, 'Where the f***s my mum gone?' She's over in the corner talking to Robert Smith.

"So I run over, he's like, 'Hello, you're a Doncaster boy, aren't you?' Some of his family were from Doncaster.

"At the start of Tissues, we sampled Close To Me. I emailed him for the clearance and he emailed back, saying, 'I love what you're doing.'

"And Robert Smith types emails in all capital letters - he shouted at me!"



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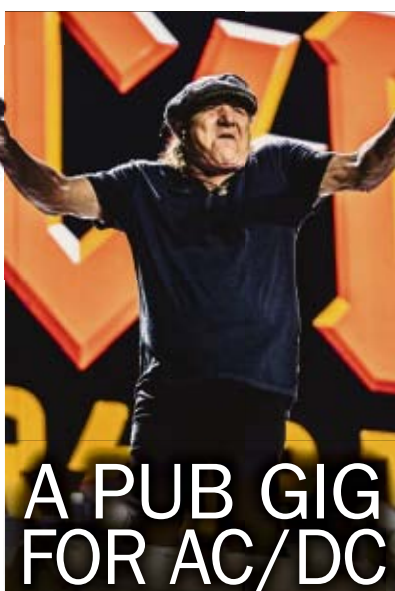


'GIRLS WERE DUA BREAK'

★ THIS year has been stellar for women in pop and **Dua Lipa** doesn't want it to stop.

The Londoner is about to headline Glastonbury Festival and told Radio Times: "It's so great to be part of the wave of women artists, and we've got to keep applying the pressure."

★ "But right now it seems like the heaviest influx of albums by female artists – **Beyoncé, Ariana Grande, Taylor Swift**. We've just got to keep going."



A PUB GIG FOR AC/DC

AHEAD of their first UK shows in eight years, **AC/DC** are launching their own pub.

The High Voltage Dive Bar will be serving Back In Black themed drinks in Camden's Stables Market from July 3 to coincide with massive gigs at Wembley Stadium.

For those about to pull a pint, we salute you!

KATY KEEPS IT REAL

SHE was the victim of AI photo fakes but **Katy Perry** proves she doesn't need any doctoring to look sensational for her big comeback.

KP's new pop era kicks off with the release of her *Woman's World* tomorrow, complete with a striking image by British photographer Jack Bridgland, with just a little creative assistance around the legs!

The electro disco banger is an ode to womanhood in which KP coos "sexy confident, so intelligent.. she is heaven sent, so soft so strong!"

It's her first single since 2021 **Alesso** collab *When I'm Gone* and she hasn't released an album since 2000's *Smile*.

The official video will premiere on July 12.



★ **MILEY Cyrus** has been doubling down on her refusal to tour, so she's got plenty of time to drop fresh visuals.

The star went full **Audrey Hepburn** in a black-and-white shoot, wearing a headscarf and 50s shades.

★ She pulls off a fab pose and, by her own recent admission, Miley gets her "narcissism" from her famous dad **Billy Ray Cyrus**.

Miley is celebrating because her smash *Flowers* has been confirmed as the most-played song in the UK in 2023 by the PPL.



World in woesome

★ THE legendary **John Barnes** rap in **New Order's** England anthem *World In Motion* was almost performed by very different footballers.

Keith Allen, who wrote the lyrics, got the only five England players available to each have a go – **Peter Beardsley, Steve McMahon, Chris Waddle, Des Walker** and Barnes.

★ Allen told the *Transmissions* podcast: "Steve McMahon rapping. It's a joy to behold on many levels."

One, it's completely arrhythmic, two it's toneless. And three, it just reminded me of monks in the medieval times."

Gazza also then had a go, and although he had rhythm he drank "three bottles of champagne in two hours". Keith recalled: "He's got the tempo! He's got the rhythm, everything! Bang on it. But you cannot understand one word of what he's saying."

★ The *Untold Story Of World In Motion* is available on *Transmissions: The Definitive Story Of Joy Division & New Order* podcast now.





APOLOGY: Cat

Deeley sorry for TV joke

CAT Deeley apologised after her jokey “seizure” comment offended viewers.

The This Morning presenter, 47, was dancing to Meghan Trainor’s hit All About That Bass when co-host Ben Shephard, 49, asked her, “Are you all right?” Cat replied: “Yeah, I’m just having a seizure.”

Amid a backlash online, The Epilepsy Society wrote on X: “Seizures are no laughing matter for people with epilepsy.”

Cat apologised during yesterday’s show saying: “First of all, I just wanted to apologise to anyone who was offended when I made a lighthearted comment about my dancing style.”

“It really wasn’t supposed to cause any upset to anybody, but I can see why that might have been the case. I do apologise. I’m very sorry.”



ECO HOME: Blanchett

Cate in property plan fury

CATE Blanchett has withdrawn the latest plans for her controversial eco-home after neighbours accused her of a “land grab”.

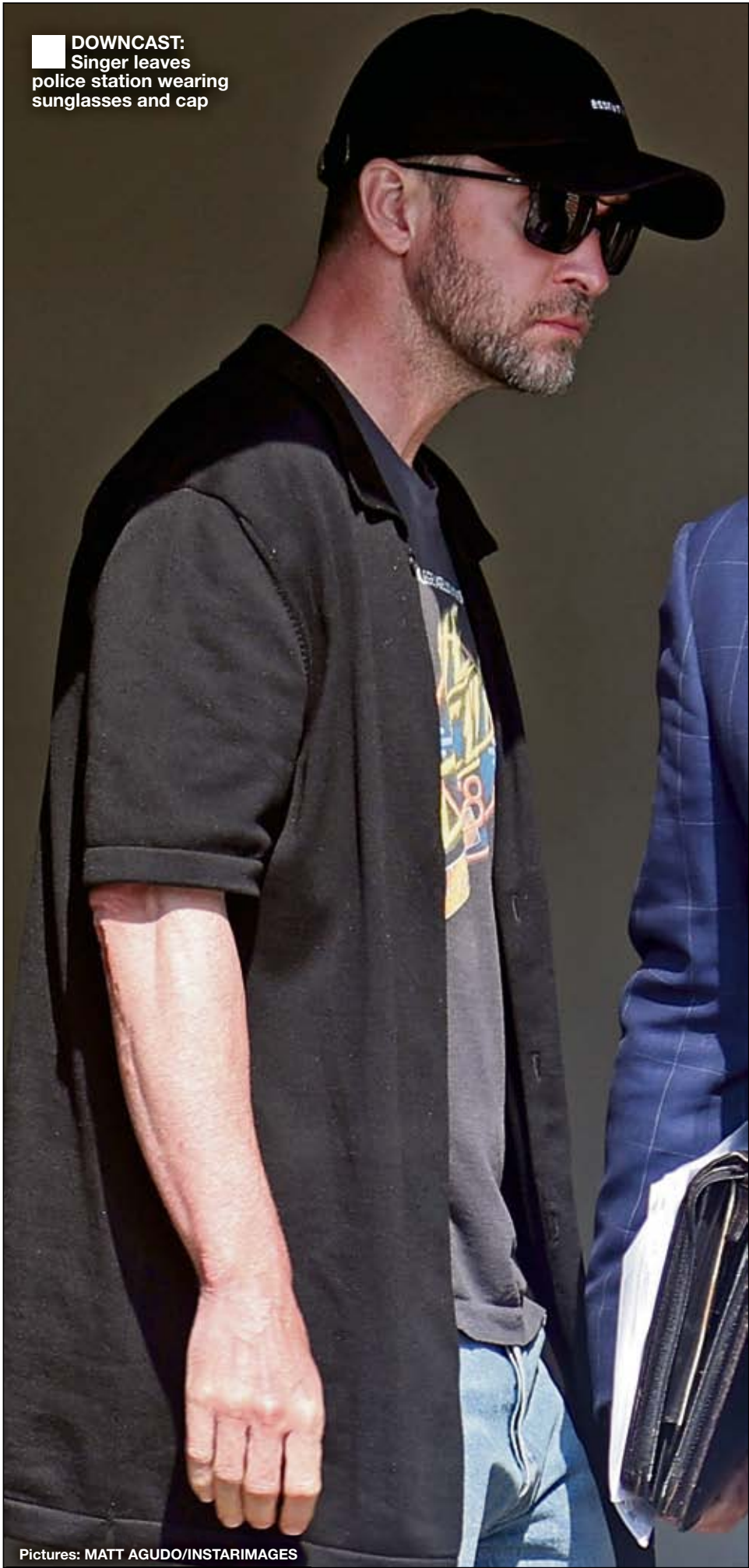
The actress, 55, and husband Andrew Upton, 58, bought the £1.6million cottage in Mawgan Porth, Cornwall, and demolished the original structure to replace it with a new home.

She had purchased a neighbouring plot of land and applied for permission to turn it into a new access and parking for four cars.

But locals, who claim there has been “total disregard” for neighbours during the build process, accused her of a “blatant land grab” over the plan.

Cornwall Council’s planning portal has now confirmed the application for “change of use” of the land has been withdrawn.

JUSTIN’S HELD ON DRINK-DRIVE RAP



■ DOWNCAST:
Singer leaves police station wearing sunglasses and cap

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MUGSHOT: Picture from police station. Below, clean cut

Star arrested after a night out with pals

JUSTIN Timberlake has been charged with driving while intoxicated after being stopped by cops in a celebrity seaside village.

The Cry Me A River hitmaker was seen looking downcast and wearing sunglasses after leaving a police station.

Hours earlier he had been held in a cell after he was arrested in the early hours of yesterday in Sag Harbor, the wealthy enclave of the Hamptons in New York.

A cop source said: “Despite his star status, Justin was treated just like everyone else who is accused of a crime. Officers in the Hamptons are well used to A-listers and there is no special treatment for anyone suspected of wrongdoing. When he was arrested, al-

■ by CHRISTOPHER BUCKTIN

though his friends pleaded with police, they did their jobs professionally. It is up to the courts now to decide what will happen.”

Timberlake, 43, had dinner at a hotel with pals before he was pulled over by police for driving past a “stop” sign. He was later released without bail.

Last night officers took the unusual step of releasing the superstar’s police mugshot.

The state of New York has enforced an effective ban on arrest pictures since 2019, citing privacy grounds, but cops decided to issue the pic of the singer.

Timberlake has been charged with one drink-drive count. He is due to appear in court on July 26.

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WHIFF: Smelly trotters

Stinking feet big turn-off

SMELLY feet are a major no-no when dating.

A new study shows 75% of women and 69% of men say pongy trotters would put them off a potential partner.

And half of all daters say long toenails or fungal infections are enough for them to ditch their date.

George Sandhu, from Well Pharmacy, who did the research, said: "Feet have more sweat glands per inch than any other part of the body."

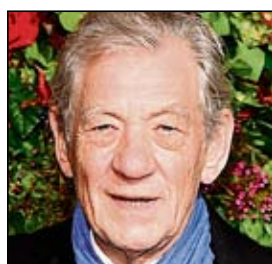
"Without regular washing, this can lead to excessive moisture and odour that becomes a breeding ground for microbes."

STAR

BEEB bosses have been left red-faced after a job ad encouraged those identifying "as dead" to apply. The blunder was supposed to say "as deaf".

BURST

Picture: PA



GOOD SPIRITS: Actor

Ian's 'on mend' after fall

SIR Ian McKellen should "make a speedy and full recovery" after his horror plunge off a West End stage.

The actor, 85, fell into the front row of the audience during a fight scene.

He cried out in pain as staff and doctors watching the production rushed to help. One theatregoer said it was "very shocking".

A spokesperson said: "Following a scan, the brilliant NHS team have assured us that he will make a speedy and full recovery and Ian is in good spirits."

The British acting icon plays John Falstaff in the production of Player Kings at the Noel Coward Theatre in London.



Barton's £75K apology



IN WRONG: Barton said posts untrue

HE PAYS PRICE AFTER CALLING VINE A 'NONCE'

■ by WILL STONE

JOEY Barton has offered to pay Jeremy Vine £75,000 after calling the broadcaster a "big bike nonce".

The out-of-work football manager apologised to Mr Vine for the comments posted on X, where he also called him a "pedo defender", and admitted they were "untrue".

Mr Vine, 59, had sued Barton, 41, for libel and harassment over the 14 online posts.

A High Court judge ruled last month that 11 of the posts could defame the telly presenter.

Barton admitted the posts accused Mr Vine of having a sexual interest in children.

But he said: "It is untrue. I do not believe that Mr Vine has a sexual interest in children."

Barton also admitted posts referring to Mr Vine advocating forced Covid jabs were from a "misleading" clip.

Mr Vine said it was not the "final outcome". He said a £75,000 settlement was offered to Barton "after five defamatory tweets".

But he posted more and "will pay further damages for these", Mr Vine said, adding there would also be an "apology" in court and that Barton "has agreed to pay my legal costs".

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Joey Barton
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"Between 8 and 12 January 2024 I published 11 posts which accused Jeremy Vine of having a sexual interest in children, and created a hashtag which made the same allegations, which were viewed millions of times. I recognise that this is a very serious allegation. It is untrue. I do not believe that Mr Vine has a sexual interest in children, and I wish to set the record straight. I also published posts during the same period in which I referred to Mr Vine having advocated forced vaccination during the Covid 19 pandemic, based upon a video clip of his TV programme. I accept that he did not advocate this policy and that the video clip has been edited to give a misleading impression of what he was in fact saying. I then taunted and abused Mr Vine for bringing a legal complaint against me. I have agreed not to make the same allegations again about Mr Vine and I apologise to him for the distress he has suffered. To resolve his claims against me in defamation and harassment, I have agreed to pay Mr Vine £75,000 in damages and his legal costs."



GROVELLING: Barton's apology on X, Mr Vine outside court last month and on his bike



FUNDRAISER: Joe
**Biden's
minder
gun hell**

JOE Biden's bodyguard was robbed at gunpoint as the US president was at a fundraising event.

The Secret Service agent was returning from work when he was targeted in a residential community in Tustin, California.

Police said the victim had his bag stolen and fired his gun during the confrontation.

The agent was not hurt during the incident, but the Secret Service said it did not know if anyone else was injured.

Officers later discovered some of the stolen belongings in the area.

Mr Biden and former president Barack Obama held a fundraising event in Los Angeles on Saturday that brought in more than £24million for the current president's re-election campaign.



TUSSAUDS: Brown
**Millie's
pride at
honour**

MILLIE Bobby Brown has said her character Enola Holmes being immortalised at Madame Tussauds is a "big step" for young women in the industry.

The Brit, who plays Sherlock Holmes' sister in the spin-off films, surprised fans at the unveiling in London.

Stranger Things star Millie, 20, said: "It's a big inspiration for so many young girls and this is a really big step so I'm very grateful."

"There was just a huge gap in the creative business for young women."

"Growing up, I did not have a young female British lead. You had Harry Potter, but Hermione was his sidekick, and to have a female British lead with strength and power - it's needed right now."



Pictures: AFF-USA/CHELSEA LAUREN/REX/SHUTTERSTOCK/FILMAGIC



★ **KILLING** Eve star Jodie Comer shows off a smile to die for at the LA premiere of *The Bikeriders*.

★ The Brit actress, 31, posed with co-star Austin Butler, 32, at the screening of the outlaw motorcycle club thriller.

★ Pop legend Cher and boyfriend Alexander Edwards were also at the premiere, along with Sharon Osbourne, right.

Sweaty cows to save us



HEAT IS ON: Cattle that perspire more produce more beef

THEY'LL WEATHER CLIMATE CHANGE

BOFFINS say **sweaty cows could save us from climate-change food shortages.**

The animals stop eating and breeding when they get too hot - risking the planet's food security as temperatures rise.

But cows that sweat more are more likely to keep chewing grass and getting jiggy in the heat.

A team from the University of Florida now plans to help farmers carry out selective breeding.

Professor Raluca Mateescu said: "Heat stress is the main threat of food security."

"Under heat stress, the growth production and reproduction of cattle are affected."

She told journal Food Manufacture: "Unless we're doing something to affect the ability of our cattle to thrive in heat stress conditions, they are not going to reproduce, so there's a food security concern."

Researchers found an estimated £291million of beef production is lost annually across the globe due to cow heat stress.

Prof Mateescu said cows eliminate 85% of their body heat via perspiration and her team are identifying genes to create the sweatiest calves.

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FREE CARE'S A 'PARENT TRAP'

PARENTS feel "trapped" into living near grandparents in order to benefit from free childcare.

More than half of mums and dads rely on their children's grandparents for help looking after them, a Zoopla study found.

The average family receives 468 hours of free childcare a year, worth over £4,600.

The "parent trap" is preventing them hunting their dream homes - with four in 10 unable to move to a bigger house because of affordability close to grandparents.



SHOPLIFTER: Seagull

Ban for winged bandit

A SHOPLIFTING seagull named Sid has been banned from a store after helping himself to packets of crisps and sweets.

The greedy gull had been grabbing a snack a day at Arkwhites Best Before in Hastings, East Sussex.

Alex White, who runs the shop, said: "Sid the seagull has been swaggering down George Street pretending to mind his own business, then as soon as the coast is clear - bang!

"Three bags of crisps in three days and then pooped on my window.

"The seagull battle continued with Sid on Saturday morning after he stole a bag of jellybeans.

"Sid you are barred for life," Alex said before joking: "Obviously Sid isn't on Facebook and hasn't realised he is on a life ban."



HEADLINER: Bros star

Matt in Butlin's Big gig

MATT Goss and busted frontman Charlie Simpson have signed up to play Butlin's Big Weekender breaks 2025.

Bros legend Goss will headline selected multi-era Replay and Ultimate 80s getaways.

While Simpson will perform a DJ set on Back to the 2000s and Replay short-break weekends.

Mike Godolphin, of Butlin's, said: "Big Weekenders are all about having the best time with your mates.

"With the addition of Matt Goss and Charlie Simpson as headline acts for next year, we are continuously elevating the Big Weekender experience.

"From 80s legends to the best names in dance music, next year is already shaping up to be a big one."



Bossing crossing

★ BRITAIN'S longest-serving lollipop lady is now helping the grandkids of her first young charges.

Irene Reid, 84, has been on patrol outside Longridge C of E primary school in Preston, Lancs, for 55 years.

★ Irene, pictured helping her great-grandchildren Broady, 8, Amelia, 5, and Theo, 9, said: "Some of the children are now nannies and grandads themselves."



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SACRE BREW



POT LUCK: Tea at a Paris cafe

by JAMES CAVEN

FRENCH tea growers are targeting the British market and reckon they can produce a perfect cuppa for us.

The country's farmers are increasingly deciding to grow tea plants as they say they've cracked how to enhance the experience for Brits.

They have created plantations in southern areas and even in Brittany in the country's north-west.

Producers claim their brews aren't as strong as English breakfast or Assam, and are "softer and more suitable" for afternoon teas. Jean-

French farmers growing afternoon tea for Brits

Marc Sanchez, who grows French tea at Les Plantations d'Acapella, near Perpignan, southern France, said: "Tea plants like warmth but not too much direct sun and we're only 3km from the Mediterranean.

"I would definitely be interested in supplying tea to the UK, with its

historic love of tea." He expects to produce up to 300kg this year, after harvesting 50kg in 2023.

Arnaud Dhenin, a grower in Brittany, said: "Our humid climate and acidic soils are ideal."

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'Psychic
aliens in
team hit'

SMALL "hairy, grey aliens" controlled the minds of covert US officials to stop them recovering a crashed UFO, it's claimed.

It came in emails from ex-CIA scientist Hal Puthoff and ex-CIA Life Sciences Division analyst Kit Green.

A report stated: "A larger UAP 'ship' appeared above the crash site and telepathically told the team not to recover the craft."



E.T. GO HOME

Scot sites 'to stop invaders'

ANCIENT stone circles were built to ward off aliens, an expert claims.

Paranormal investigator Ron Halliday reckons Scottish Neolithic sites like the Skara Brae settlement and the Maeshowe

■ by LEIGH McMANUS

tomb, both on Orkney, were designed to stave off ET.

Mr Halliday said: "There are some Pictish stones with pictures of folk kind of fleeing things. I thought this represents an attack from the sky. There

are questions about whether Skara Brae or Maeshowe on Orkney were intended as protection from nuclear war and an ancient battle with aliens."

He also accused archaeologists of hiding the truth.

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DEFENCE: Chambered cairn at Maeshowe

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Cliffhanger ending drama

THE camper who pitched this tent a few feet from the edge of fragile sea cliffs which are prone to frequent rockfalls has been branded "reckless".

Cliffs on West Bay in Dorset, which featured in the ITV drama Broadchurch, frequently collapse without warning.

Graham Hunt, who took the drone images, said: "You can't quite believe why someone would be so reckless. It is only a matter of time before that section goes."

Pictures: GRAHAM HUNT/BNPS

'Rarest kittens' success

A WILDLIFE park is celebrating the arrival of one of Britain's rarest mammals – wildcat kittens.

They were born about nine weeks ago at the Wildwood Trust near Canterbury in Kent to parents Talla and Blair.

The wildlife park's Laura Gardner, said: "By working together with the breeding programme partners, we are ensuring the beautiful wildcat has a future in Britain."

European wildcats are the UK's only native cat species but there are thought to be less than 300 left roaming the Scottish Highlands.

THE GOLDEN YEAR

Can you guess the year from these five clues?

1. Wet Wet Wet's song *Love is All Around* spends 15 weeks as UK No1.
2. Schindler's List wins seven Oscars at the Academy Awards.
3. Carry On star Barbara Windsor debuts as Peggy Mitchell in TV's *EastEnders*.
4. The Sunday Trading Act allows shops to open on Sundays in England and Wales.
5. F1 champion Ayrton Senna is killed during the San Marino Grand Prix.

No Googling! Answer in tomorrow's paper. Yesterday's year: 1954

Poison kills off otters

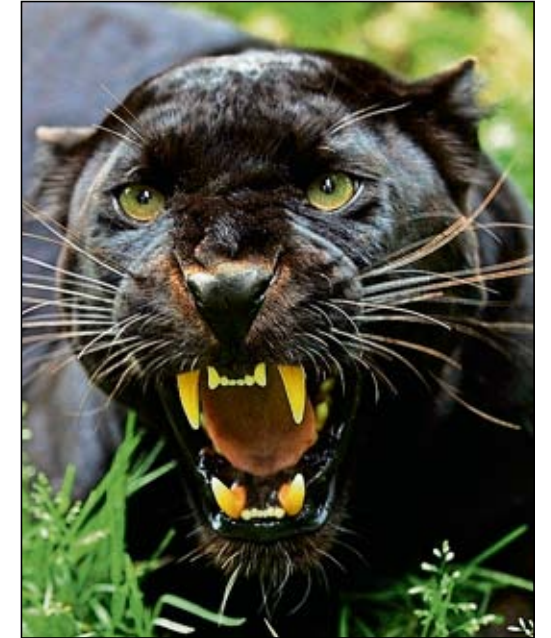
DEAD otters have been found with poisonous "forever chemicals" in their bodies due to pollution in British rivers.

Boffins say they are ingesting substances banned years ago because the waterways near former factory sites are so polluted.

Cardiff University experts warn levels of PFAS – or "forever chemicals" – could threaten the future of otters and humans.

Research associate Emily O'Rourke said otters "accumulate PFAS chemicals through their diet, making them effective indicators of environmental contamination".

Panther attack hell in the Peak District



BEAST: Huge creature rushed towards camper

'BIG CAT' MAUL FEAR ON HOLS

A MAN feared he was going to be mauled to death on his holidays after a "black panther" pounced in the Peak District.

Terrified John Broomhead, 68, dived for cover into his caravan as the beast bounded towards him. Experts believe the "big cat" was either a panther or a leopard.

Retired bricklayer John was with his partner and some friends when he spotted what he thought was a Doberman-sized pet dog about 40 yards away.

■ by WILL STONE

He soon realised it was something else after noticing the large black animal had bright yellow eyes and a long tail.

John, inset, said the creature suddenly turned and started running towards him, forcing him to flee to avoid being attacked.

Two years later, he said he still suffers from nightmares after

being left so traumatised by the incident.

A big cat has also been spotted at a nearby beauty spot and in Staffordshire.

Big cat expert Rick Minter said the beasts "can do a warning charge when provoked". He added:

"This is possibly what John experienced."

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NIC OH LA!

★ BRIDGERTON star Nicola Coughlan strips down to her undies to model for Kim Kardashian's new Skims collection.

Coughlan, 37, who plays Penelope Featherington, wowed fans with her Instagram post. She said: "Everybody's wearing @SKIMS."

★ Body-positive activist Honey Kinny, 27, daughter of Jonathan Ross, replied: "Wow". Gogglebox star Scarlett Moffatt, 33, added: "You are bloody amazing" and ex-Geordie Shore star Vicky Pattison, 36, posted flame emojis.


KING'S ESTATE HIT BY RAT INVASION

THE King has an infestation of rats on his Sandringham estate in Norfolk.

Rodents have invaded the village of Flitcham, which is on the royal estate and two miles from his residence.

The parish council is writing to Sandringham bosses see if they will "assist with this matter".






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Star mare Inspiral lines up in this race rather than the Queen Anne. She takes on last year's Derby winner Auguste Rodin and top French raider Blue Rose Cen.

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Lovely bubbly

■ by JOHN
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THIS cheeky chimp has fun as it tries to catch a bubble in its mouth.

The image was captured by photographer Renato Granieri at Tacugama Chimpanzee Sanctuary in Sierra Leone.

He said: "These activities are to stimulate the chimps mentally and physically. They compete to grab the biggest bubbles."



Bird flu warning

OFFICIALS are being urged to act fast to stop the spread of avian flu.

Scientists say unless they do we could face a pandemic “worse than Covid”.

Fears over the rise of avian influenza H5N1 have been spiking recently.

Epidemiologist Dr Leonard Mermel said couders are a “potential mixing vessel” for a mutation that kills humans.

He warned we are on the edge of an outbreak “that could mirror or surpass the 1918 influenza pandemic”.

Hols bill heats up

HOLIDAY prices almost double as schools break up for summer, a new study has found.

Travellers are forking out an average of £235 per degree of temperature compared to “out of season”.

A Post Office study found a week-long family trip to Florida soars from £2,100 in May to £4,043 in August – despite it only being 2C warmer.

Laura Plunkett, of Post Office travel, said: “There are savvy ways to save money on holiday.”

Picture: STACEY BARK/SWMS



FLO SHOW

- ★ **SWIFTIE** Florence Ava Bark, seven, gets a VIP experience at superstar singer Taylor's final Liverpool gig at Anfield.
- ★ The schoolgirl, battling graft-versus-host disease of the lungs, was gifted tickets by Sean Reddington, CEO of Thrive. Mum Stacey, 34, of Corby, Northants, said: “They were so great. They even made special arrangements.”

Missing jet
underwater
sound clue

MALAY AIRLINE MYSTERY

AN underwater signal that may solve the mystery of flight MH370 has been detected.

Boffins believe the six-second sound – picked up by a special mic called a hydrophone – may pinpoint the aircraft’s final resting place.

The Malaysia Airlines plane vanished on March 8, 2014, with 239 people on board.

It is believed to have crashed into the Southern Indian Ocean, but the wreckage has never been found.

Researchers at Cardiff University have analysed more than 100 hours of underwater recordings.

by KELLY-ANN MILLS and ADAM CAILLER

They have found a sound from around the time the jet went missing that could be it hitting the waves.

The signal was picked up in Cape Leeuwin in Australia, not far from the plane’s last radar contact.



Engineer Dr Usama Kadri, in-set, said: “A 200tonne aircraft crashing at 200 metres per second would release the kinetic energy equivalent to a small earthquake.

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THE price of a pint could top £25 by 2040.

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But in 2019 you could get a pint for £3.67 – 28% less than today. If prices continue to rise 11% per year boozers could be paying £25 by 2040.

James Rosen, at fruityslots.com, which ran the study, said: "It's interesting insight into costs faced by patrons today and potentially in the future."



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Drivers' boozing limit call

THE drink-drive limit should be lower to prevent more deaths, medics say.

The British Medical Association said drink-driving deaths have not decreased in the last decade.

Almost a fifth of all road deaths are caused by drunk folk behind the wheel.

The current limit is 80mg of alcohol per 100ml of blood in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. The union has called for a 20mg per 100ml limit for new and commercial drivers and 50mg for others.



Hirst's plush push

★ DAMIEN Hirst goes out and about with his newborn baby and a homemade pram.

The tot, whose name has yet to be revealed, was seen in a diamond-encrusted stroller designed by Damien himself and said to be worth £50,000.

★ The artist, 59, and his ballerina fiancée Sophie Cannell, 30, who announced the arrival of their first son last month, were spotted at Scott's restaurant in Mayfair, London.

Pictures: JAMES CURLEY/MAGICMOMENTSUK



Bonking doesn't make us smile

SEX has failed to make the top 10 of things Brits enjoy doing most in life.

Listening to music came top in a poll of Brits asked what "puts a smile on their faces".

The list also included baking, dancing and playing sports like football, dental care provider mydentist found.

A spokesman for the company said: "We asked 2,000 Brits what made them smile, with the top 10 activities including listening to mu-

■ by STIAN ALEXANDER

sic and reading a book." Nyree Whitley, chief clinical officer at mydentist, said: "It's no secret that maintaining balance in all aspects of our lives is critical to our overall happiness."

No Sex Please, We're British was a comic play and movie about a bank boss and his wife inundated with porn. Michael Crawford and David Jason starred in the West End.

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THE TOP 10

1. Listening to music – 53%
2. Reading – 31%
3. Sleeping – 28%
4. Going to the gym – 25%
5. Cooking – 24%
6. Baking – 15%
7. Dancing – 13%
8. Playing sport – 12%
9. Playing an instrument – 8%
10. Painting – 7%



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HISTORY-MAKING TIME

Marilyn Monroe & Ella Fitzgerald

One was the iconic pin-up of her generation and the other an aspiring jazz singer who would go on to be as legendary in her own right.

But Ella may never have got her big break had it not been for pal Marilyn.

The Some Like It Hot star called the owner of Hollywood's Mocambo nightclub and persuaded them to book the songbird for the show that would set off her career by promising to sit in the front row, thus attracting a ton of media attention.

And the rest is history.



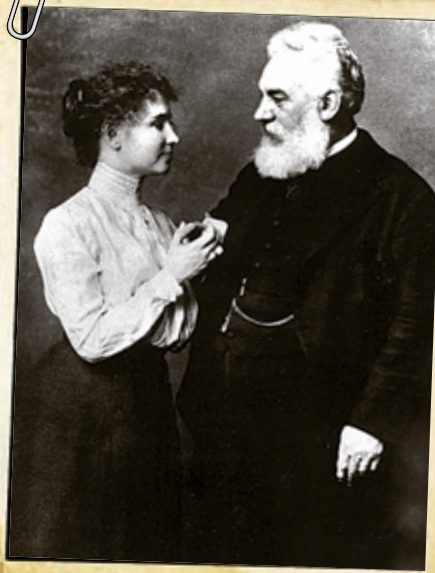
Alexander Graham Bell & Helen Keller

Alexander invented the telephone and helped influential American author and activist Helen to become a person who spoke out on women's rights.

Alongside his inventing, Alexander worked to support deaf children to talk.

Helen, who was blind and deaf, was referred to him and not only did he find her a home tutor he also set up a trust fund for her future college education.

Helen dedicated her autobiography to Alexander.



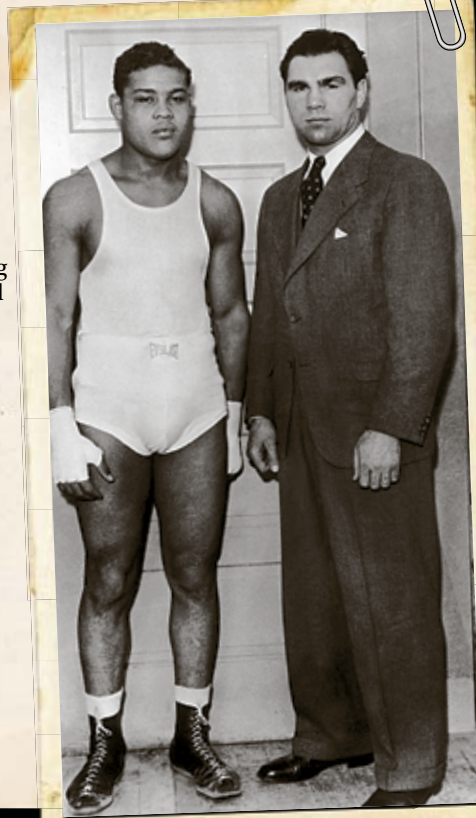
Joe Louis & Max Schmeling

They were opponents in the boxing ring with their 1938 match, which American Louis won, seen as the US versus the Nazis (Hitler was a fan of Schmeling).

But out of the ring a friendship formed following World War Two.

They were so close that Max helped pay for Louis' funeral in 1981 when he died from a heart attack and acted as a pallbearer at the ceremony.

The former boxer was buried at Arlington National Cemetery after President Ronald Reagan waived the national service eligibility rules for burial there.



ES WHEN TWO LEGENDS BECAME CLOSE FRIENDS

Back in the day besties

ANTHONY Hopkins' latest movie Freud's Last Session, follows an imagined meeting of minds between legendary boffin Sigmund Freud and author CS Lewis two days after World War One kicked off. The psychoanalysis inventor and Narnia creator never actually met in real life but there are many surprising friendships from notable people from history that were indeed real as KIM CARR reveals...

Frank Sinatra, the Mafia & JFK

Ol' Blue Eyes won over millions of fans with his crooning and Sinatra was also firm pals with both the Mafia and former US president John F Kennedy.

Frank's daughter Tina revealed in 2000 how the swing superstar was a messenger between the Kennedy family and Chicago mob chief Sam Giancana.



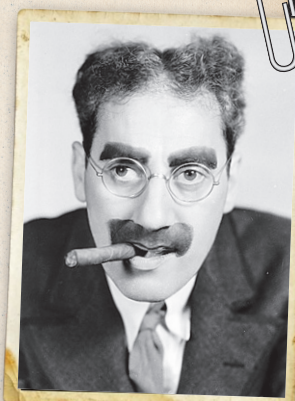
TS Eliot & Groucho Marx



The poet and film legend, part of comedy group the Marx Brothers, became pals when Eliot wrote a fan letter asking for an autograph.

The pair spent years penning notes back and forth before meeting for the first time in 1964 when they had dinner at Eliot's house.

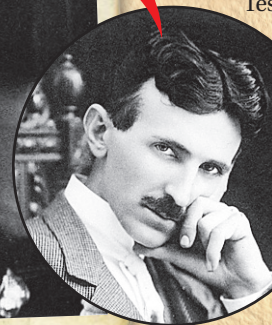
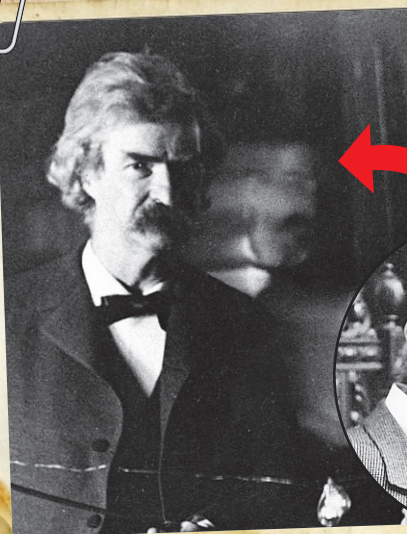
But it's said the relationship was bumpy after Eliot failed to fulfil a promise to hang Marx's autographed snap next to other celebs in his collection.



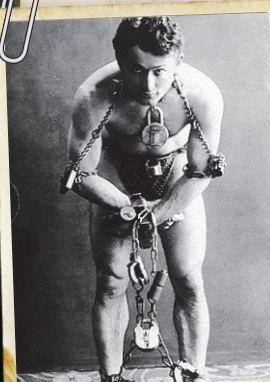
Mark Twain & Nikola Tesla

How the author and boffin got to know each other is unclear but after a period of being ill led to Tesla immersing himself in Twain's writing, the pair eventually became buddies.

Mark was one of the first to get his hands on one of Nikola's ideas, which was an early form of the X-ray machine.



Harry Houdini & Buster Keaton



Magic legend Houdini was business partners with future silent film star Buster's dad Joe - the pair had a travelling show together.

While on a visit to their house, six-month-old baby Buster fell down a flight of stairs leading Harry to comment that the cherub could really take a "buster".

And from then on Joseph Frank Keaton earned his nickname, which would stick to be his screen career moniker.



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Ten Hag deserves bit more respect

☐ Sam Saunders u say u do better job than Ten Hag, who are you? Ten got euro football and trophy. **Jack Mufc**

☐ yeah great to see the princess of wales at the trooping of the colour!, i wish her all the best! But one thing allways confuses me!, is she catherine or katherine? Why alternate? In other words please can we know her as princess kate! End of confusion! **mjb**

☐ At all the recent high profile royal events, Charlie boy has been sporting a large array of war medals on his person. Where did he get them from? **Steve, London**

☐ Loved your centre pages on rock stars spooked by spectres. More please. **ANON ESSEX**

☐ My most hated things said. TV "this is an urgent appeal" Politicians & public services "mistakes were made, lessons have been learned". Any services you need to contact by phone "we are currently experiencing a high volume of calls, you are held in a queue" then music for 40 minutes then being cut off. **Gaz**

☐ the day after tomorrow is the first day of the rest of your life - that way you've always got a couple of days in hand. **tony worksop**

☐ re hacked visa, have u tried 2 find banks that r open? Where I live in Essex they r closing down by the wk. Its all online banking now. I dont order online anymore. Sad world! **Geoff Newcastle**

☐ tets, any chance of speaking English instead of nonsense gobbledygook? **Bantaman**

☐ I asked my youngest daughter to bring me a rubber when she goes shopping, my 61 year old daughter said blinking eke dads past that now. **Bricky Dave**

Let's Bin off Biggles & Co and get out for the Count



☐ Can you please show a picture of rebecca lucy taylor? **Anon**

☐ I suspect that, like most people, I didn't take Count Binface seriously, but now that I've read his manifesto I'm impressed. Irony, isn't it? It's supposed to be bins that are full of rubbish, not all our politicians. **Ben Lidd**

☐ Count Binface is to stand against Rishi Sunak in Richmond, North Yorkshire in the General Election. The Binface manifesto (D Star Tue, P9) may have some light-hearted policies, but there are some sensible policies in there too, such as tying Minister's pay to the same rate as nurses' pay. **Dave Pinfold, Stockport**

☐ Nigel Farage likes to let his gob run away with him. If he wins the election for Reform. Would he send us into World War 3? He could run his mouth to other leaders of other countries. They might not stand for it. **Squirrel**

☐ Ay, av u noticed the opposition nits are all running scared of Nigel Farage, they are all on the bandwagon busy slating him, so what does that tell us? It tells us he's right, its like watching a soap. All lies surface in the end. **GUITARMAN**

☐ Has anyone else noticed that Nigel Farage sounds just like Barry Cryer, not as funny though. **Polly Titian**

☐ One reason Labour LOST the 1970 GE was Harold Wilson's Failure to gain Entry INTO Europe. Now the Tories are set to suffer the same, In Reverse!! **DEN**

☐ Tories didn't moan, wen they ad a majority in 2019. Moaning about a labour majority?? now.... **ANGST**

☐ What a dreadful, boring match between Serbia and England, the players, the referee and the

commentators were rubbish - at least no one was beating a drum to add to the misery. **Anon**

☐ G7 Summit Switzerland, South Africa, that depends on grain from Ukraine, refused to condemn Russia, Saudi Arabia, will suffer the cost of Putin's invasion but not Russia's oil, China reserved its stutuatory position, didn't attend, India that gets £118million of UK taxpayers money, I presume is for the fuel for it's space program, also distributes Russia's oil, to raise money to kill Ukrainians, whilst UK sends money to the Ukrainians to defend thier sovereign terrotory, a*se about face if you ask me. **LAURENCE**

☐ Thin Lizzy is correct. Lager from the fridge ice cold of course, is better from a bottle. And trust me I've done extensive re-search **Wynn D**

JOKE OF THE DAY

So I went to the butchers today and asked for some Tripe. He gave me a box set of Love Island. **Fran McMahon, Liverpool**

☐ re thin lizzy Monday's dstar. Agree with you about bottles making tastier beer. But I find it depends on the actual beer in the bottle. Stella tastes great from a bottle but not so from a can. Kronenbourg from a can tastes better than from the bottle! **BB**

☐ That poor calf rammed by a copper in a cop car, the poor thing was afraid! Next time he eats beef, hope it stick in a tight place!! **Yorkshire O.A.P.**

☐ boffins say animals are conscious, and feel pleasure and pain, in other breaking news water is wet, seriously these boffins are all a tad dim, anyone who has worked with animals or have a pet knows that animals have feelings, they understand pain and pleasure, oh and they are probably more self aware than a lot of humans, especially those that work in westminster. all these boffins payed to come up with the bloody obvious, i've worked with animals from wolves to iguanas horses to coati mundi's and they all show feelings, i'll trust my instincts on life not the calculations of some dweeb who takes time to see whats staring them straight in the face. **john challenger**

☐ Any Ukrainian who does not sign up to fight for his country should be ashamed of themselves, and stripped of nationality its not as though other countries can send troops in I would go but at 71 im to old now. **Stockton jeff**

SNAP HAPPY



Just a lazy Sunday. **Polly**

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GHOSTED: Actor

Kiell low spirits..

KIELL Smith-Bynoe is sad that **Ghosts** ended because he loved earning big-money for playing Mike on the show.

The actor told the Dish podcast: "I could have done one more... financially speaking. Could have done another one."

"You take those things for granted when you're doing it and you complain about how cold and dusty the house is."

"But then when it comes around to the next January and you're not working and you wish to be back in that cold, old house."



'LUCKY': Layton

School final bell

BAD Education has been axed by the BBC.

The comedy is going less than two years after being revived for a new era.

A spokesman said: "We are very proud of Bad Education but in order to make room for new comedy shows sometimes difficult decisions have to be made and we currently have no plans for another series."

Layton Williams, who played Stephen Carmichael, told Digital Spy: "I will look back on Bad Education memories so fondly. I feel so lucky that I got to revisit that show for a couple of years and put my own spin on it."

TOM'S TASTY TOUR OF UK

TOM Kerridge has been enjoying the great outdoors for his latest cookery show.

The chef went on a road trip around the country in a remodelled

1950s food truck and along the way he met people who produce food for restaurants, pubs and supermarkets.

Unsurprisingly, he got his hands dirty. In the

six-parter, we'll see him doing a shift at a dairy farm, heading out to sea to catch fish and have a go at fruit farming.

An insider said: "Tom rolled up his sleeves and

got involved. This series will give an insight into how the nation produces its food."

Tom Kerridge Cooks Britain will air this summer on ITV1.



'THE BEST': Hit character

Ender the road for gobby Karen

FAVOURITE LEAVES ALBERT SQUARE

LORRAINE Stanley has left **EastEnders** after seven years.

The star's final appearance as gobby Karen Taylor aired on the BBC soap this week.

She said: "I've had the best seven years."

"The cast, crew, directors, writers, make-up, wardrobe all made my time on the show

so much fun and I had the best giggles."

"I've had a ball playing Karen Taylor."

"Thank you to all the fans who have been wonderfully bonkers."

Lorraine has been involved in a string of big storylines since joining EastEnders in 2017 - including a kidnap plot,

financial struggles and feuds with show favourites including Phil Mitchell, played by Steve McFadden.

A raft of her co-stars have rushed to pay tribute on social media.

Danny Walters, who played her on-screen son Keanu, told her: "Love You Always Lou."

Emma Barton, who plays

Honey Mitchell, said: "You're the best Lou!! Love you sister."

Fans are devastated to see her go. One said: "There will never be another like you. Will miss you."

Another added: "One of the best characters going... We are so proud of you and your time on the Square. Not going to be the same without you."

Turn back a page for today's HOT TV news

All programmes are listed in British Summer Time (BST).

film ratings

★★★★★ Brilliant
★★★★ Very Good
★★★ Good
★★ Average
★ Bad

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BBC One	BBC Two	ITV1	Channel 4	Channel 5
<p>6.00am Breakfast News headlines.</p> <p>9.30 Morning Live Magazine.</p> <p>10.45 Scam Interceptors Scammers try to convince a man hackers are using his Amazon account.</p> <p>11.15 Homes Under the Hammer Properties in Lowestoft, North Shields and Bucknall. (R)</p> <p>12.15pm Bargain Hunt From Newark, Nottinghamshire. (R)</p> <p>1.00 BBC News at One; Weather</p> <p>2.00 Rip Off Britain (R)</p> <p>2.30 Animal Park (R)</p> <p>3.00 Escape to the Country Jules Hudson help a couple find a home in the Welsh Borders. (R)</p> <p>4.00 Antiques Road Trip Hettie Jago and David Harper are in Brampton, Cumbria. (R)</p> <p>4.30 LIVE MOTD: UEFA Euro 2024 Germany v Hungary (kick-off 5.00pm). Gary Lineker presents coverage of the Group A match from Stuttgart Arena. Germany haven't won any of the last three meetings between the two, and the last fixture saw Hungary come out on top with a 1-0 victory in a UEFA Nations League match.</p>	<p>6.30am Homes Under the Hammer Featuring properties in Waterlooville, Birkenhead and West Bromwich. (R)</p> <p>7.30 Clive Myrie's Caribbean Adventure The newsreader is in the Dominican Republic. (R)</p> <p>8.00 Sign Zone: Rick Stein's Food Stories Rick visits a Suffolk bakery. (R)</p> <p>8.30 Sign Zone: Great British Railway Journeys Michael Portillo explores Derby and Nottingham. (R)</p> <p>9.00 BBC News Headlines.</p> <p>12.15pm Politics Live</p> <p>1.00 LIVE Tennis: Queen's The cinch Championships. Clare Balding presents coverage of day three of the men's grass-court tournament at Queen's Club, featuring matches from the second round.</p> <p>6.00 Richard Osman's House of Games With Jasmine Harman, Dave Johns, Suzannah Lipscomb and Jason Mohammad. (R)</p> <p>6.30 Robson Green's Weekend Escapes With Lee Ridley, aka Lost Voice Guy. (R)</p>	<p>6.00am Good Morning Britain A lively mix of news, current affairs and lifestyle features.</p> <p>9.00 Lorraine Entertainment and the latest fashion news.</p> <p>10.00 This Morning Topical daily magazine, featuring a mix of celebrity chat, showbusiness news, advice and discussion. Including Local Weather.</p> <p>12.30pm ITV News; Weather</p> <p>12.50 Regional News; Weather</p> <p>1.00 LIVE UEFA Euro 2024 Croatia v Albania (kick-off 2.00pm). Mark Pougatch presents coverage of the Group B match taking place at Volksparkstadion Hamburg.</p> <p>4.15 LIVE ITV Racing: Royal Ascot Ed Chamberlin and Francesca Cumani present further coverage of the second day of the meeting, featuring the 4.25 Prince Of Wales's Stakes, plus races at 5.05 and 5.40. Coverage continues on ITV4.</p> <p>6.00 Regional News; Weather</p> <p>6.20 Party Election Broadcast By the Labour Party.</p>	<p>6.25am Cheers Double bill. (R)</p> <p>7.15 Everybody Loves Raymond Four episodes. (R)</p> <p>9.05 Frasier Four episodes. (R)</p> <p>11.05 Great Canal Journeys Timothy West and Prunella Scales explore Argentina's waterways in a cargo boat. (R)</p> <p>12.05pm Channel 4 News</p> <p>12.10 Help! We Bought a Village A delivery causes chaos at a medieval village in France. (R)</p> <p>1.10 Car S.O.S Fuzz Townshend and Tim Shaw secretly restore a classic 1960s Mercedes. (R)</p> <p>2.10 Countdown Greg Rusedski guests in Dictionary Corner.</p> <p>3.00 A Place in the Sun Double bill. A couple search for a home in and around La Mata in Spain; a holiday home on the Greek island of Aegina. (R)</p> <p>5.00 Sun, Sea and Selling Houses A couple relocate from New York to Spain.</p> <p>6.00 Four in a Bed Guest house owners compete for the coveted best B&B title. (R)</p> <p>6.30 The Simpsons Three Halloween-themed tales. (R)</p>	<p>6.00am Milkshake! Children's TV.</p> <p>9.15 Jeremy Vine Discussion.</p> <p>11.15 Storm Huntley With calls.</p> <p>12.45pm Friends Double bill. (R)</p> <p>1.40 5 News at Lunchtime</p> <p>1.45 Home and Away Things are strained a week into Levi living with Mackenzie, and Eden explodes, telling Levi that she'll never forgive him. (R)</p> <p>2.20 FILM Secret Lives of Housewives (2022, PG) Drama, starring Jessica Morris, Justin Berti and Charlie Hitt. ★★</p> <p>4.00 Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun Following Chris through the challenges of running and managing the largest Paintball and Adventure facility in all of the Iberian Peninsula. (R)</p> <p>5.00 5 News at 5 Headlines.</p> <p>6.00 Party Election Broadcast By the Liberal Democrats.</p> <p>6.05 Police Interceptors There's a hunt for a dodgy Fiesta, but with the interceptors on its tail, the driver stacks the vehicle into a roundabout and the occupants go to ground (R); 5 News Update</p>



11.10pm, **THE TRAITORS US:** Alan Cumming



9pm, **FAKE OR FORTUNE?:** Philip Mould and Fiona Bruce



1pm, **LIVE UEFA EURO 2024:** Mateo Kovacic



8pm, **LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION:** Kirstie and Phil



6.05pm, **POLICE INTERCEPTORS**

7	<p>7.00 BBC News at Six; Weather The latest headlines.</p> <p>7.15 Regional News; Weather</p> <p>7.25 Party Election Broadcast By the Labour Party. (R)</p> <p>7.30 LIVE MOTD: UEFA Euro 2024 Scotland v Switzerland (kick-off 8.00pm). Gabby Logan presents coverage of the Group A match from Cologne Stadium. Steve Clarke's side went into the tournament with high hopes of reaching the knockout stages for the first time in their history, having performed impressively in their qualifying group, recording wins over the likes of Spain and Norway. However, their opening match ended in disappointment when they were soundly beaten 5-1 by Germany. In contrast, Switzerland, who reached the quarter-finals of Euro 2020, got off to a good start when they prevailed 3-1 against Hungary thanks to goals by Kwadwo Duah, Michel Aebischer and Breel Embolo. With commentary by Steve Bower and James McFadden.</p> <p>10.30 BBC News at Ten A round-up of today's headlines.</p>	<p>7.00 The One Show With Alex Jones and Lauren Laverne.</p> <p>7.30 EastEnders Sharon is spooked when Callum says that he's speaking to the detectives who investigated Keanu's murder, and Yolande decides to brave the baptism.</p> <p>8.00 The Repair Shop The craftspeople get to work on a leather-bound book containing a secret radio used during the Second World War, a pair of vintage seamstress scissors, a 74-year-old teddy bear, and a battered school satchel. (R)</p> <p>9.00 Fake or Fortune? Fiona Bruce and Philip Mould are in the Essex countryside on the trail of Elisabeth Frink, investigating a sculpture found at a car-boot sale which could be one of the artist's Small Warrior figures. (R)</p> <p>10.00 Meet the Richardsons Lucy remembers the time she was in an episode of Doctors acting alongside Fleabag star Phoebe Waller Bridge. Last in series. (R)</p> <p>10.30 Newsnight Headline analysis with Victoria Derbyshire.</p>	<p>6.30 ITV Evening News A round-up of the day's news headlines from the UK and around the world; Weather</p> <p>7.30 Emmerdale Things spiral out of control with Moira and Cain, and Rose informs Ruby their plan is working.</p> <p>8.00 Coronation Street Abi reports Stefan to the police for targeting her, Toyah refuses to be blackmailed by Rowan, Leanne scales new heights within the Institute, Cassie lays her cards on the table, and Kevin teams up with Bethany.</p> <p>9.00 Adam Lambert: Out, Loud & Proud American singer and Queen frontman Adam Lambert brings his own unique perspective as he explores how British LGBTQ+ artists have fought for their place in the music industry.</p> <p>10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather The major stories of the day.</p> <p>10.30 Regional News; Weather</p> <p>10.45 Peston Political magazine show hosted by Robert Peston, featuring major interviews with MPs, topical guests and cultural figures.</p> <p>11.40 UEFA Euro 2024 Highlights Celina Hinchcliffe presents the best action from the latest matches in Germany, featuring Scotland v Switzerland and Germany v Hungary in Group A, and Croatia v Albania at Volksparkstadion in Group B.</p> <p>12.45am Shop on TV 3.00 Long Lost Family: Born Without Trace. Foundlings track down blood relatives. (R) 3.50 Unwind with ITV 4.45-6.00am British Touring Car Championship Highlights. Steve Rider presents highlights of the fourth meeting of the campaign, held at Thruxton. (R)</p>	<p>7.00 Channel 4 News A round-up of all the latest headlines and analysis of political developments and current affairs. Plus, the day's sports stories and weather.</p> <p>7.55 Party Election Broadcast By the Scottish National Party.</p> <p>8.00 Location, Location, Location Kirstie Allsopp and Phil Spencer help Priti and Shakti find their first family home while staying close to London. Cheesemonger Julia is looking for a slice of the countryside. (R)</p> <p>9.00 Grand Designs Kevin McCloud meet Graeme and Melanie, who have huge ambitions for a home in Hackney. They plan to build on a tiny twin garage plot that cost them £275,000 on a traditional Victorian terraced road. (R)</p> <p>10.00 Britain's Most Expensive Houses Diana tries to secure a listing for a £30million mega-home in Mayfair, and Christine teams up with Tessa and Amy to close a deal on a Grade I listed Georgian townhouse in Bath. (R)</p> <p>11.05 Murder in the Alps Triple bill. Documentary exploring a murder that has gone unsolved for 10 years; detectives hunt for a motorcyclist spotted near the crime scene; why so much attention was focused on prime suspect Zaid Al-Hilli.</p> <p>1.55 FILM Benedetta (2021, 18) A 17th-century nun in Italy who has disturbing visions develops a romantic affair with another woman. Historical drama, with Virginie Efira and Charlotte Rampling. ★★★★★ 4.05 Couples Come Dine with Me (R) 4.55 Frasier: double bill (R) 5.45-6.25am Countdown (R)</p>	<p>7.00 Super Dogs with Extraordinary Jobs A look at the work of an arson detection dog, a team of Newfoundland swim and rescue dogs, and a Bavarian Hound training to fight poachers in sub-Saharan Africa. Last in series; 5 News</p> <p>8.00 Waitrose: Trouble in the Aisles? Examining the declining sales of the supermarket, which is known for being the mainstay of middle-class shoppers, while exploring the reasons for it's loss in popularity.</p> <p>9.00 Cold Call June and Des finally have reason to celebrate, but they are also increasingly close to the violent criminals that they are trying to catch. Third of the four-part thriller, starring Sally Lindsay, Daniel Ryan and Paul Higgins. (R)</p> <p>10.00 Trauma Room One Surgeons begin to fear that without urgent surgery fifty-three-year-old Theresa could become paralysed after she's rushed to hospital with weakness in her arms and legs. (R)</p> <p>11.05 999: Emergency Call Out Paramedic Jordan and special sergeant Hannah find a known heroin-user who appears to have been assaulted by the owner of a car he was attempting to break into. Last in series. (R)</p> <p>12.05am Motorway Cops: Catching Britain's Speeders (R) 1.00 PlayOJO Live Casino Show 3.00 Crossrail: Where Did It All Go Wrong? (R) 3.50 Call the Bailiffs: Time to Pay Up (R) 4.40 Wildlife SOS (R) 5.05 House Doctor 5.30 Entertainment News 5.35 Fireman Sam 5.45-6.00am Paw Patrol</p>
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11	<p>11.00 Regional News; Weather</p> <p>11.10 The Traitors US Double bill. The Traitors are set a daunting task for their next murder; a deadly mission sees a player take their last breath in the game. Hosted by Alan Cumming. (R)</p>	<p>11.20 Unspun World with John Simpson The BBC's world affairs editor reflects on the week's major global news stories, talking to local experts from around the world.</p> <p>11.50 Dead Calm: Killing in the Med? A look at the migrant boat disaster off the coast of Greece in June 2023. (R)</p>			
12 midnight	<p>1.10 Euro 2024 Match Replay. Scotland v Switzerland. Another chance to see the Group A match from Cologne Stadium, as both teams played their second contest of the tournament. 2.50 Weather for the Week Ahead 2.55-6.00am BBC News. The latest headlines.</p>	<p>1.20am Sign Zone: Race Across the World. The teams enter South-east Asia for the first time. (R) 2.20 Sign Zone: The Misadventures of Romesh Ranganathan. Last in series. (R) 3.20-6.30am This Is BBC Two</p>			

ITV2

Freeview 6

6.00am CITV **9.00** World's Funniest Videos **9.30** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **10.00** Love Bites **12.00noon** Dress to Impress **1.00** Deal or No Deal **2.00** Family Fortunes **3.00** Veronica Mars **4.00** Dawson's Creek **5.00** Celebrity Supermarket Sweep

6.00 **Celebrity Catchphrase** With Judy Murray, Oti Mabuse and John Thomson.

7.00 **Deal or No Deal** Gameshow.

8.00 **The Masked Singer US** Two new contestants take on the reigning champion and sing a collection of songs that are synonymous with the history of New York.

9.00 **Love Island** The islanders continue their quest for true love.

10.05 **G'wed** Ted dates a sixth-former.

10.35 **Family Guy** Animated double bill.

11.35 **American Dad!** Animation.

12.05am **American Dad!** **12.35** Extraordinary **1.10** Celebrity Karaoke Club **2.15** World's Funniest Videos **2.45** Unwind **3.00-6.00am** Teleshopping

Dave

Freeview 19

6.00am Teleshopping **7.10** Cop Car Workshop **8.00** Special Ops: Crime Squad UK **9.00** James May's 20th Century **10.00** Top Gear **12.00noon** Storage Hunters UK: four episodes **2.00** Extreme Fishing with Robson Green **3.00** Top Gear: double bill **5.00** The Hairy Bikers' Chicken and Egg

6.00 **Rick Stein's Secret France** Rick's journey continues on the Spanish border and the Mediterranean coast.

7.00 **Would I Lie to You? The Unseen Bits** Extra material from the panel show.

7.40 **Richard Osman's House of Games**

9.00 **QI XL** With Ruby Wax and Ross Noble.

10.00 **Have I Got a Bit More News for You**

11.00 **Taskmaster** With Paul Sinha, Lou Sanders, Iain Stirling and Sian Gibson.

12.00m't Mock the Week **12.40** Alan Davies: As Yet Untitled **1.40** Dave Gorman: Modern Life Is Goodish **2.45** Live at the Apollo **3.30** Whose Line Is It Anyway? USA **4.00-6.00am** Teleshopping

E4

Freeview 13

6.00am Hollyoaks **7.00** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **9.00** The Goldbergs **10.00** Young Sheldon **11.00** Modern Family **12.00noon** The Big Bang Theory: four episodes **2.00** The Goldbergs **3.00** Modern Family **4.00** Young Sheldon **5.00** The Big Bang Theory: double bill

6.00 **The Big Bang Theory** Double bill.

7.00 **Hollyoaks** Abe plays games.

7.30 **Come Dine with Me** IT manager and stand-up comic Ryan hosts the third dinner party of the week in Edinburgh.

8.00 **Dance Moms** The mothers begin to lose trust in Abby's choreography.

9.00 **Gogglebox** TV opinions.

10.00 **Naked Attraction** Singletons from Newquay and Sheffield take part.

11.05 **First Dates** Receptionist Natasha sits down for a meal with a chef.

12.10am The Big Bang Theory. Comedy. **1.10** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **2.10** Modern Family **3.00** Dance Moms **3.50-4.35am** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA

Variations & S4C

WALES As BBC1 except: **1.35-1.45pm** BBC Wales Today; Weather **7.15** BBC Wales Today; Weather **7.25-7.30** Party Election Broadcast. By the Welsh Labour Party. **11.00-11.10pm** BBC Wales Today; Weather

MERIDIAN As ITV1 except: **12.50-1.00pm** ITV News Meridian **6.00-6.20** ITV News Meridian **10.30-10.45pm** ITV News Meridian

CENTRAL As ITV1 except: **12.50-1.00pm** ITV News Central **6.00-6.20** ITV News Central **10.30-10.45pm** ITV News Central

ITV WALES As ITV1 except: **12.50-1.00pm** ITV News Cymru Wales **6.00** ITV News Wales at Six. The latest headlines. **6.20-6.30** Party Election Broadcast. By the Welsh Labour Party. **10.30-10.45pm** ITV News Cymru Wales

WEST As ITV1 except: **12.50-1.00pm** ITV News West Country **6.00-6.20** ITV News West Country **10.30-10.45pm** ITV News West Country

ANGLIA As ITV1 except: **12.50-1.00pm** ITV News Anglia **6.00-6.20** ITV News Anglia **10.30-10.45pm** ITV News Anglia

WESTCOUNTRY As ITV1 except: **12.50-1.00pm** ITV News West Country **6.00-6.20** ITV

Telly movies

MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE - FALLOUT

★★★★ (2018) Film4, 10.50pm

Impossible Missions Force agent Ethan Hunt (Tom Cruise) receives word that the terrorist network fronted by Solomon Lane (Sean Harris) is poised to take delivery of stolen plutonium. Hunt must infiltrate the exchange to prevent the payload falling into the hands of Lane's deranged disciples. Mission: Impossible - Fallout is the sixth - and arguably best - instalment of the globe-trotting franchise.

BENEDETTA ★★★★★ (2021) Channel 4, 1.55am

Benedetta Carlini (Virginie Efira) arrives at the Convent of the Mother of God in Pescia, Italy as a child in the late 16th century, becomes the property of Abbess Felicita (Charlotte Rampling) and The Nuncio (Lambert Wilson) and dedicates herself to God. Filmmaker Paul Verhoeven traverses sex and religion in an erotically charged historical drama.

GB News

F'view 236

6.00am Breakfast with Eamonn and Isabel **9.30** Britain's Newsroom **12.00noon** Good Afternoon Britain **3.00** Martin Daubney

6.00 **Dewbs & Co** Straight-talking - Michelle Dewberry delivers her individual take on the day's news.

7.00 **Vote 2024: The People Decide** Complete coverage of the general election campaign.

8.00 **State of the Nation** The countdown to election day is on.

9.00 **Patrick Christys Tonight**

11.00 **Headliners** Join the all-star comedy cast for an intelligent and insightful look at tomorrow's headlines tonight. Hosts Simon Evans & Dominic Frisby.

12.00m't Vote 2024: The People Decide **1.00** State of the Nation **2.00** Headliners Replay **3.00** Patrick Christys Tonight Replay **5.00-6.00am** Headliners Replay

More4

Freeview 18

8.55am A Place in the Sun **10.25**

A New Life in the Sun **11.25** Find It, Fix It, Flog It **12.30pm** Come Dine with Me: five episodes **3.10** Four in a Bed: five episodes **5.50** Chateau DIY

6.55 **Car S.O.S** Tim Shaw and Fuzz Townshend rescue a 1973 fire engine.

7.55 **The Dog House** Doting owners Yvonne and Graham seek a companion for their sausage dog Baxter.

9.00 **Emergency Helicopter Medics** Crews help a teenager with a major brain injury after colliding with a car.

10.00 **999: On the Front Line** Paramedics are called out to a gardener who's slipped off a wall and damaged his leg.

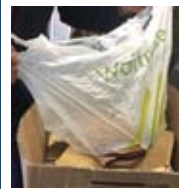
11.05 **24 Hours in A&E** Milly brings her two-year-old son Freddie in after he jammed his thumb in a door.

12.10am Emergency Helicopter Medics **1.15** 999: On the Front Line. Medical documentary. **2.15** 24 Hours in A&E **3.20-3.50am** A Place in the Sun

News West Country. The latest headlines. **10.30-10.45pm** ITV News West Country

S4C **6.00am** Cyw **11.00** Dysgu Gyda Cyw **12.00noon** Newyddion S4C a'r Tywydd **12.05pm** Cymry ar Gynfas **12.30** Heno **1.00** Codi Hwyl **1.30** Garddio a Mwy **2.00** Newyddion S4C a'r Tywydd **2.05** Prynhawn Da **3.00** Newyddion S4C a'r Tywydd **3.05** Canu gyda Fy Arwr **4.00** Awr Fawr **5.00** Stwnsh **6.00** Cais Quinell. Scott Quinell takes part in a Drag masterclass. **6.25** Darllediad Etholiadol. By Welsh Labour. **6.30** Rownd a Rownd. Iolo makes a decision about the future. **6.57** Newyddion S4C **7.00** Heno. Magazine. **7.30** Newyddion S4C a'r Tywydd **8.00** Pobol y Cwm. DJ isn't happy that Sioned has invited Maya to the fundraising event in Tamed and Lleucu is worried about her father's mental health. **8.25** Ma'i Off 'Ma. Lambing season has begun at Penparc Farm and the family are busier and more on edge than ever as they wait to find out if the new embryo venture succeeds. **8.55** Newyddion **9.00** Pawb a'i Farn: Etholiad 2024. The latest from the Pawb a'i Farn team on the 2024 General Election. **10.00** Ceffylau, Sheikhs a Chowbois **10.30-11.35pm** Yr Anialwch

HotTV CHOICE With Mike Ward



You can't beat a really good trifle, I'm sure you'd agree. When it comes to desserts, almost nothing can top it.

I say "almost"

because occasionally I find a little doubt creeping in. Every so often I'll tuck into a trifle and think: "Yes, this is lovely. I just wish it tasted slightly more of pig."

Which, funnily enough, must have been what the bosses at Waitrose were thinking when they added bacon trifle to

their product range in 2016. Yep, they really did that.

It was the brainchild of their brand ambassador at the time, the boffiny chef Heston Blumenthal, as we're reminded in **WAITROSE: TROUBLE IN THE AISLES?** (8pm, Channel 5).

And yet it didn't seem to put people off shopping there, assuming they could afford to. No, the problems the chain has been facing are fairly recent, as this documentary explains, brought about largely by the cost-of-living crisis. Basically, Waitrose is blinking expensive, and while

hardcore foodies will always love it, as will people for whom money isn't a problem, it's been losing the custom of those who've had to tighten their belts.

The programme also looks at how much money you could blow at Waitrose if you were planning to invite a few pals over for a meal and you happened to be minted. For starters, you could crack open a bottle of the Louis Roederer Cristal Vintage Champagne. And if you're thinking: "Yeah, right. I bet that costs about 300 quid," let me assure you it does not. It actually costs just £299.99.

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Sport

SKY SPORTS MAIN EVENT
6.00am SSN Euro Report **7.00** Good Morning Euros. Round-up of the all the news.
10.00 **LIVE** **Tennis** The Berlin Ladies Open. Coverage of day three of the WTA event, a grass-court tournament that takes place at Rot-Weiss Tennis Club in Germany, featuring matches in the second round.
3.00pm **LIVE** **ICC Men's T20 World Cup** USA v South Africa. Coverage of the Super Eight match from Sir Vivian Richards Stadium, North Sound.
7.30 SSN Euro Matchday **8.00** SSN Euro Matchday **9.00** SSN Euro Matchday **10.00** SSN Euro Report **10.30** Back Pages Tonight. Tomorrow's papers. **11.00** SSN Euro Report
1.00am **LIVE** **ICC Men's T20 World Cup** England v West Indies. Coverage of the Super Eight match from Daren Sammy National Cricket Stadium.
5.30-6.00am SSN Euro Report

SKY SPORTS CRICKET
6.00am **LIVE** **ICC Men's T20 World Cup**
3.00pm **LIVE** **ICC Men's T20 World Cup** USA v South Africa. Coverage of the Super Eight match from Sir Vivian Richards Stadium, North Sound.
7.30 Dreams of a Nation **8.30** Best of ICC WT20 **9.00** ICC 2016 World T20 Final **9.30** ICC Men's T20 World Cup **10.30** Dreams of a Nation. The 2023 Cricket World Cup promised to be a special event. Could England retain their title? Would host country India's dreams come true? This documentary looks back.
11.30 ICC Men's T20 World Cup
1.00am **LIVE** **ICC Men's T20 World Cup** England v West Indies. Coverage of the Super Eight match from Daren Sammy National Cricket Stadium.
5.30-6.00am Best of ICC WT20

SKY SPORTS FOOTBALL
6.00am EFL **8.30** Jimmy Glass: The Great Escape **9.00** EFL Greatest Games **10.00** EFL Cup Retro **12.00noon** EFL Greatest Games **1.00** EFL Cup Highlights **2.00** EFL **4.00** EFL Rivalries **5.30** EFL **6.00** EFL Greatest Games **7.00** EFL Cup Highlights. Bradford City v Swansea City. The 2013 final at Wembley Stadium, where the Bantams were aiming to produce another cup upset. **8.00** EFL **9.00** EFL **10.00** EFL **11.00** EFL Greatest Games **1.00am** Championship Retro **3.00** EFL Cup Retro **5.00** Best Goals: EFL Cup 2022/23 **5.30-6.00am** Best Goals: Efl Cup 23/24

TNT SPORTS 1
6.00am NBA on Fire **6.30** European Rally Championship Highlights **7.00** TNT Sports Cricket Reload **7.45** Women's One-Day International Cricket. India v South Africa.
8.45 **LIVE** **Women's One-Day International Cricket** India v South Africa. Coverage of the second ODI in the three-match series from M Chinnaswamy Stadium in Karnataka, Bengaluru.
5.30pm **LIVE** **MLB** Miami Marlins v St Louis Cardinals (Start time 5.40pm). Miami Marlins v St Louis Cardinals (Start-time 5.40pm). Coverage of the match at LoanDepot Park.
8.45 TNT Sports Reload. The best bits.
9.00 **LIVE** **MLB** Washington Nationals v Arizona Diamondbacks (Start-time 9.05pm). Coverage of the match at Nationals Park.
12.15am MLB Plays of the Week **12.45** UFC **3.45** TNT Sports Reload **4.15** UEFA Europa League Goals Reload **4.30** UEFA Champions League – Stories of the Finals **5.00-6.00am** UEFA Champions League Goals Show Retro

TNT SPORTS 2
6.00am WSL Championship Tour **7.00** WWE Monday Night Raw **9.30** Sign Up – Into Football **9.45** What I Wore **10.00** EuroCup Basketball **3.00pm** Badminton **5.00** WWE SmackDown Highlights **6.00** WWE Raw Highlights **7.00** TNT Sports Reload **7.30** Badminton Weekly **7.45** European Rally Championship Highlights **8.15** Sign Up – Into Football **8.30** Premier League Stories **9.00** WWE Raw Highlights **10.00** NWSL **11.00** NWSL **12.00m't** **LIVE** **NWSL** NJ/NY Gotham FC v San Diego Wave FC (Kick-off 12.00am). Coverage of the match from Red Bull Arena.
2.15 WSL Championship Tour **3.15** Badminton **5.15** Badminton Weekly. The latest news.
5.30-6.00am MLB Plays of the Week

EUROSPORT 1
6.00am British Speedway **7.00** European Fencing Championships **8.00** Roland-Garros **9.00** Cycling: Women's Tour of Switzerland **10.00** Archery World Cup **11.00** Mountain Biking **12.00noon** Triathlon PTO Tour **1.00** Cycling: Women's Tour of Switzerland **2.00** Cycling: U23 Giro d'Italia **3.00** Roland-Garros **4.00** Cycling: Women's Tour of Switzerland **5.00** Cycling: U23 Giro d'Italia. Highlights.
6.00 Olympic Games: The Power of the Olympics **6.30** Olympic Games: Chasing Glory **7.30** Olympic Games: Breaking Life **8.00** Olympic Games: Breaking Life **8.30** Olympic Games: The Olympians **8.40** Breaking Boundaries **9.00** Mountain Biking **10.00** Mountain Biking **11.00** Olympic Games: Chasing Glory **12.00m't** British Speedway **1.00** European Fencing Championships **2.00** The Cycling Show **2.30** Olympic Games: The Power of the Olympics **3.00** Olympic Games: Breaking Life **4.00** European Fencing Championships **5.00-6.00am** Bennetts British Superbikes

Entertainment & Factual



Fire Country Sky Witness, 9pm
The season finale of the drama and freedom hangs on the line for Bode (Max Thieriot, left). First, though, a mudslide tears through Edgewater, putting Station 42 and Three Rock on high alert.

2.00 Classic Literature & Cinema **3.00** John Wayne: America at All Costs **4.00** Discovering: Bruce Willis **5.00** The Joy of Painting **6.00** Tales of the Unexpected **7.00** Alfred Hitchcock Presents **8.00** Portrait Artist of the Year 2022 **9.00** Klimt and The Kiss **10.10** The Eighties **11.10** Greatest Albums Live **12.35am** Long Hot Summers: The Story of the Style Council **2.00** Bill Bailey's Musical Master Crafters: Juniors **3.00** Wonderland: From JM Barrie to JRR Tolkien **4.00** Cheltenham Literature Festival **5.00-6.00am** Auction

GOLD
7.10am The Fosters **8.05** The Green Grass **9.20** My Hero **10.00** Are You Being Served? **10.40** Still Open All Hours **11.20** Last of the Summer Wine **12.40pm** The Green Green Grass **1.20** My Hero **2.00** Still Open All Hours **2.40** Dad's Army **3.20** Are You Being Served? **4.00** Last of the Summer Wine **5.20** Still Open All Hours **6.00** The Green Green Grass **6.40** Dad's Army **8.00** Only Fools and Horses **8.40** The Thin Blue Line **9.20** dinnerladies **10.00** The Royle Family **10.40** Bottom **11.20** The Office **12.00m't** Only Fools and Horses **12.40** The Thin Blue Line **1.20** dinnerladies **2.00** The Royle Family **2.30** Bottom **3.10-4.00am** The Office

YESTERDAY **Freeview 27**
6.10am Classic Car Garage **8.00** Abandoned Engineering **10.00** The World at War **11.00** World War Weird **12.00noon** Great British Railway Journeys **1.00** Antiques Roadshow **2.00** Bangers & Cash **4.00** The World at War **5.00** World War Weird **6.00** Antiques Roadshow **7.00** Bangers & Cash **8.00** Great Coastal Railway Journeys **9.00** Joanna Lumley's Japan **10.00** Bangers & Cash **11.00** Abandoned Engineering **12.00m't** Great British Railway Journeys **1.00** Abandoned Engineering **2.00-3.00am** Secrets of the Transport Museum

ALIBI
7.10am Murdoch Mysteries **9.00** The Coroner **10.00** Elementary **11.00** Shakespeare & Hathaway: Private Investigators **12.00noon** Father Brown **1.00** Death in Paradise **2.00** Murdoch Mysteries **4.00** Elementary **5.00** Father Brown **6.00** Shakespeare & Hathaway: Private Investigators **7.00** Elementary **8.00** Father Brown **9.00** Alaska Daily **10.00** Death in Paradise. Detective drama. **11.20** Elementary **12.20am** CSI: Vegas **1.15** Unforgettable **2.20-4.00am** Murdoch Mysteries

Radio

CHOICE
Jessica Fostekew: Sturdy Girl Club Radio 4, 6.30pm
Stand-up comic, actor, writer and weightlifter Jessica continues her look at 'unladylike' sports – and the women who play them – by turning her attention to rugby. England's Red Roses are the top-ranked international side in the world – what is it that makes some people think of rugby as unfeminine?

10.00 Night Tracks **11.30** 'Round Midnight **12.30-6.30am** Through the Night

BBC RADIO 4
FM 92.4-94.6MHz 6.00am Today **9.00** More or Less **9.30** To Catch a Scorpion **10.00** Woman's Hour **11.00** File on 4 **11.45** Book of the Week: The Stalin Affair **12.00noon** News **12.04** You and Yours **12.57** Weather **1.00** The World at One **1.45** Understand: The UK Election **2.00** The Archers **2.15** Drama **3.00** Money Box Live **3.30** The Artificial Human **4.00** The Media Show **5.00** PM **6.00** News **6.30** Jessica Fostekew: Sturdy Girl Club **7.00** The Archers **7.15** Front Row **8.00** The Moral Maze **9.00** The Long View **9.30** All in the Mind **10.00** The World Tonight **10.45** Book at Bedtime **11.00** Bunk Bed **11.15** Chloe Petts' Toilet Humour **11.30** Munya Chawawa's Election Doom Scroll **12.00m't** News **12.30** Book of the Week: The Stalin Affair **12.48** Shipping **1.00** As BBC World Service

BBC THREE **Freeview 23**
7.00pm Celebrity MasterChef **7.30** The Fast and the Farmer-ish **8.00** The Traitors US **9.00** Confessions of a Teenage Fraudster **9.45** Catch Her If You Can **10.20** Back to Life **11.15** Peacock **12.15am** Confessions of a Teenage Fraudster **1.00** Catch Her If You Can **1.30** Paranormal: The Village That Saw Aliens **2.30** Back to Life **3.25-3.55am** Doctor Who: Unleashed

BBC FOUR **Freeview 9**
7.00pm Great British Railway Journeys **7.30** Villages by the Sea **8.00** Full Circle with Michael Palin **8.50** Mull: Eagle Paradise **9.00** Rise of the Nazis: The Manhunt **10.00** Remembering The Cops **10.15** The Cops **1.30am** Great British Railway Journeys **2.00** Villages by the Sea **2.30-3.30am** Rise of the Nazis: The Manhunt

5USA **Freeview 21**
9.00am NCIS **10.55** Entertainment News **11.00** NCIS **12.00noon** Law & Order **4.55** Entertainment News **5.00** Law & Order **6.00** NCIS **9.00** Criminal Minds **10.00** Law & Order: Special Victims Unit **1.50am** The Blacklist **3.35-4.00am** Criminals: Caught on Camera

ITV3 **Freeview 10**
6.00am Classic Emmerdale **7.00** Classic Coronation Street **8.05** Agatha Christie's Poirot **10.30** The Royal **11.40** Heartbeat **1.40pm** Classic Emmerdale **2.40** Classic Coronation Street **3.50** Inspector Morse **5.55** Heartbeat **8.00** Midsomer Murders **10.00** Wire in the Blood **11.45** The Royal **12.35-2.30am** Upstairs, Downstairs

ITV4 **Freeview 26**
6.00am The Derby Through the Years **6.20** Minder **7.15** The Sweeney **8.20** The Return of Sherlock Holmes **9.30** ITV Racing: The Opening Show **10.35** Kojak **11.35** The Return of Sherlock Holmes **12.45pm** River Monsters **1.15** Football League Legends **1.30** **LIVE** ITV Racing: Royal Ascot **4.20** World of Sport **4.40** The Sweeney **5.50** **LIVE** ITV Racing: Royal Ascot. The final race on the second day. **6.30** River Monsters **7.00** The Motorbike Show **8.00** Junk and Disorderly **9.00** The 1% Club **10.00** All Elite Wrestling: Collision **12.00m't** Monster Carp **1.00** The Sweeney **1.55** The Chase Celebrity Special **2.50-3.00am** Unwind with ITV

REALLY **Freeview 17**
6.00am Fantasy Homes by the Sea **7.00** Cruise TV with LoveitBookit **8.00** The Edinburgh Auction House **1.00pm** Money for Nothing **2.00** The Repair Shop **3.00** Antiques Road Trip **4.00** Celebrity Antiques Road Trip **5.00** The Yorkshire Auction House **7.00** Antiques Road Trip **9.00** The Face Doctors **10.00** Botched Bariatric **11.00** Help! My House Is Haunted **12.00m't** Unexplained: Caught on Camera **1.00** Paranormal: Caught on Camera **2.00** Teleshopping **4.00-6.00am** Animal Cops San Francisco

SKY ARTS **Freeview 36**
6.00am Romeo and Juliet **8.05** The Joy of Painting **9.05** Tales of the Unexpected **10.05** Alfred Hitchcock Presents **11.05** Discovering: Gary Oldman **12.00noon** The Joy of Painting **1.00** Tales of the Unexpected

BBC RADIO 1
97.6-99.8MHz 6.57am Newsbeat **7.00** Radio 1 Breakfast with Sam and Danni **10.30** Newsbeat **10.32** Rickie, Melvin and Charlie **12.45pm** Newsbeat **1.00** Dean and Nat **3.30** Newsbeat **3.32** Going Home with Vick, Katie and Jamie on Radio 1 **5.45** Newsbeat **6.00** Radio 1's New Music Show with Jack Saunders **8.00** Radio 1's Future Pop with Mollie King **10.00** Radio 1's Power Down Playlist with Sian Eleri **11.00** Benji B **1.00am** Radio 1's Dance Anthems **2.00** The Radio 1 Interview **2.15** Radio 1 Playlists **2.30** 6 Degrees from Jamie and Spencer **3.00** Radio 1 Relax **4.00** Radio 1 Dance **5.00-6.57am** ΩBreakfast with Arielle Free

BBC RADIO 2
88-91MHz 6.30am The Zoe Ball Breakfast Show **9.30** Vernon Kay **12.00noon** Jeremy Vine **2.00** Scott Mills **4.00** Sara Cox **6.30** Sara Cox's Half Wower **7.00** Jo Whitley's Shiny Happy Playlist **7.30** Jo Whitley **9.00** The Folk Show with Mark Radcliffe **10.00** DJ Spoony's Magnificent 7 **10.30** DJ Spoony's Rhythm Nation **12.00m't** OJ Borg **3.00** Dance Sounds of the 90s with Vernon Kay **4.00-6.30am** Owain Wyn Evans

BBC RADIO 3
90.2-92.4MHz 6.30am Breakfast **9.30** Essential Classics **1.00pm** Classical Live **3.00** Choral Evensong **4.00** Composer of the Week: Dvorak **5.00** In Tune **7.00** Classical Mixtape **7.30** Radio 3 in Concert **9.45** The Essay: The Sounds of Tyne

SKY MAX
6.00am NCIS: Los Angeles **7.00** DC's Legends of Tomorrow **8.00** The Flash **9.00** Stargate SG-1 **11.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **12.00noon** The Flash **1.00** MacGyver **3.00** Hawaii Five-0 **4.00** S.W.A.T **5.00** DC's Legends of Tomorrow **6.00** Stargate SG-1 **8.00** An Idiot Abroad **9.00** S.W.A.T **10.00** Rob & Romesh vs The Three Lions **11.00** A League of Their Own: Mexican Road Trip **12.00m't** Brassic **1.00** The Walking Dead **2.00** Banshee **3.00** Hawaii Five-0 **4.00** S.W.A.T **5.00-6.00am** Highway Patrol

SKY ATLANTIC
6.00am Richard E Grant's Hotel Secrets **7.55** Six Feet Under **10.05** Gomorrah **12.15pm** Game of Thrones **1.20** The Sopranos **3.30** Six Feet Under **5.40** Gomorrah **7.55** Game of Thrones **9.00** The Sympathizer **10.10** True Detective: Night Country **11.20** The Pacific **12.25am** The Wire **1.40** The Newsroom **2.50** Game of Thrones **4.00-6.00am** Richard E Grant's Hotel Secrets

SKY WITNESS
6.00am Sun, Sea and A&E **7.00** Border Patrol **8.00** UK Border Force **9.00** Highway Patrol **9.30** Caught Red Handed **11.00** Blue Bloods **12.00noon** New Amsterdam **1.00** 9-1-1 **2.00** FBI: Most Wanted **3.00** Caught Red Handed **4.30** Nothing to Declare **8.00** Blue Bloods **9.00** Fire Country **10.00** 9-1-1 **11.00** The Rookie **12.00m't** FBI **1.00** FBI: International **2.00** Road Wars. Documentary. **4.00** The Force: Manchester **5.00-6.00am** Air Ambulance ER

SKY COMEDY
8.00am Will & Grace **9.00** The Conners **10.00** Sort Of **10.30** Veep **11.40** Entourage **12.50pm** High Maintenance **2.10** Veep **3.20** Entourage **4.30** Sort Of **5.00** Will & Grace **6.00** The Office (US) **7.00** The Conners **8.00** Will & Grace **9.00** Leo Reich: Literally Who Cares?! **10.15** And Just Like That **11.45** The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon **12.45am** Silicon Valley **2.00** Sort Of **3.00** Random Acts of Flyness **3.40-5.00am** High Maintenance

DISCOVERY
6.00am How It's Made **7.00** Deadliest Catch **8.00** Blowing Up History **9.00** Combat Dealers **10.00** Texas Metal **11.00** Wheeler Dealers **1.00pm** Barnwood Builders **3.00** Gold Rush **4.00** Alaska: Homestead Rescue **6.00** Texas Metal **7.00** Bitchin' Rides **8.00** Garage Squad **9.00** Deadliest Catch **10.00** **NEW** Sin City Tow **11.00** Outback Truckers **12.00m't** Mystery at Blind Frog Ranch **1.00** Deadliest Catch **2.00** Sin City Tow **3.00-5.00am** Gold Rush

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
8.00am Food Factory **9.00** Air Crash Investigation **10.00** Fiennes: Return to the Wild **12.00noon** Car S.O.S **1.00** Air Crash Investigation **3.00** Hitler's Last Stand **4.00** Seconds from Disaster **5.00** Car S.O.S **6.00** Air Crash Investigation **8.00** Hitler Youth: double bill **10.00** Nazi Megastructures. The German air force. **11.00** Air Crash Investigation **12.00m't** Situation Critical **1.00** Europe from Above **2.00** Abandoned **2.30** Food Factory **3.20** Made in a Day **4.10-5.00am** Exotic Animal ER: Double Dose

5.20 Shipping Forecast **5.30** News **5.43** Prayer for the Day **5.45-6.00am** Farming

BBC RADIO 5 LIVE
693/909kHz 6.00am 5 Live Breakfast **9.00** Nicky Campbell **11.00** Naga Munchetty **1.00pm** 5 Live Sport **2.00** 5 Live Sport **4.00** 5 Live News **4.30** 5 Live Sport **5.00** 5 Live Sport **7.00** 5 Live Sport **8.00** 5 Live Sport **10.30** 6-0-6. Your football calls. **11.30** Johnny I'Anson **1.00am** Dotun Adebayo **5.00-6.00am** Wake Up to Money

BBC RADIO WALES
FM: 94.6MHz 6.00am News Update **6.05** Wake Up with Radio Wales **6.30** We Can't Go on Eating Like This **7.00** Radio Wales Breakfast **9.00** Wynne Evans **12.00noon** The Phone In **2.00** Behnaz Akhgar **5.00** Radio Wales Drive **6.30** Country Focus **7.00** Bronwen Lewis **10.00** Nathan Sussex **12.00m't** Relax **1.00-6.00am** As Radio 5 Live

CLASSIC FM
100-102MHz 6.30am Classic FM Breakfast with Dan Walker **9.00** The Classic FM Hall of Fame Hour with Dan Walker **10.00** Alexander Armstrong **1.00pm** Anne-Marie Minhall **4.00** Sam Pittis **7.00** Relaxing Evenings **10.00** Calm Classics **1.00am** Bill Overton **4.00-6.30am** Early Breakfast

ABSOLUTE RADIO
DAB 6.00am Dave Berry **10.00** Leona Graham **1.00pm** Ben Burrell **4.00** Bush and Richie **7.00** Danielle Perry **10.00** Emil Franchi **1.00-6.00am** Dan Noble

Movies

FILM4
11.00am It Should Happen to You (1954/U) Comedy, starring Judy Holliday. ★★★★★
12.45pm The Yellow Balloon (1953/PG) Crime drama, starring Andrew Ray. ★★
2.20 Hangman's Knot (1952/PG) Western, starring Randolph Scott. ★★★★★
4.00 Young Winston (1972/PG) Biopic of Winston Churchill, with Simon Ward. ★★★★★
6.50 Assassin's Creed (2016/12) Action adventure, starring Michael Fassbender. ★★
9.00 Hitman (2007/15) Thriller, with Timothy Olyphant and Dougray Scott. ★★★★★
10.50 Mission: Impossible – Fallout (2018/12) Action thriller, starring Tom Cruise. ★★★★★
1.40-3.40am Little Fockers (2010/12) Comedy sequel, starring Robert De Niro. ★★

SKY CINEMA PREMIERE
6.50am Ride On (2023/PG) See 3.40am for details. ★★★★★
9.10 Boonie Bears: Guardian Code (2023/PG) Animated adventure, with the voice of Joseph S Lambert. ★★
10.50 The Great Escaper (2023/12) See 6.10pm for details. ★★★★★
12.35pm Meg 2: The Trench (2023/12) Thriller sequel, starring Jason Statham. ★★
2.35 Ruthless (2023/15) Action thriller, starring Dermot Mulroney and Jeff Fahey. ★★★★★
4.25 Am I OK? (2022/15) Romantic comedy drama, starring Dakota Johnson. ★★
6.10 The Great Escaper (2023/12) Drama, starring Michael Caine. ★★★★★
8.00 Blue Beetle (2023/12) Fantasy adventure, starring Xolo Mariduena. ★★
10.10 The Exorcist: Believer (2023/15) Horror sequel, starring Leslie Odom Jr. ★★
12.10am American Star (2024/15) Thriller, starring Ian McShane. ★★
2.00 Ruthless (2023/15) See 2.35pm for details. ★★★★★
3.40-6.00am Ride On (2023/PG) Action drama, starring Jackie Chan and Liu Haocun. ★★★★★

SKY CINEMA DRAMA
4.10pm Emma (1996/U) Drama, with Gwyneth Paltrow and Jeremy Northam. ★★★★★
6.15 Lamborghini: The Man Behind The Legend (2022/12) Drama, with Frank Grillo and Mira Sorvino. ★★
8.00 Don't Worry Darling (2022/15) Thriller, starring Florence Pugh. ★★★★★
10.05 Mr Holmes (2015/PG) Mystery, with Ian McKellen and Laura Linney. ★★★★★
12.05am The Dry (2020/15) Drama, with Eric Bana and Genevieve O'Reilly. ★★★★★
2.05 Wildhood (2021/15) Drama, with Michael Greyeyes and Steve Lund. ★★
3.55 It Is In Us All (2022/15) Drama, with Cosmo Jarvis and Rhys Mannion. ★★
5.35-7.20am Six Minutes to Midnight (2020/12) Drama, with Judi Dench. ★★

SKY CINEMA FAMILY
4.00pm Twins (1988/PG) Comedy, with Arnold Schwarzenegger and Danny DeVito. ★★
5.55 Journey to the Center of the Earth (2008/PG) Fantasy adventure, starring Brendan Fraser and Josh Hutcherson. ★★
7.35 Journey 2: The Mysterious Island (2012/PG) Fantasy adventure sequel, starring Dwayne Johnson and Michael Caine. ★★
9.15 Breaking Point (2023/12) Drama, starring Kelvin Clarke and Karam Singh. ★★
11.05 Blueback (2022/PG) Drama, starring Mia Wasikowska and Eric Bana. ★★
12.55am Robo-Dog (2015/PG) Family sci-fi adventure, starring Michael Campion. ★★
2.35 The Spy Next Door (2010/PG) Comedy, starring Jackie Chan. ★★
4.15 Problem Child (1990/PG) Comedy, starring John Ritter and Michael Oliver. ★★
5.40-7.10am Step Dogs (2013/U) Family comedy, starring Joris Jarsky. ★★

TALKING PICTURES TV
5.35pm Bonanza
7.00 Dixon of Dock Green
8.05 The Human Jungle
9.05 Gideon's Way
10.10pm Jekyll and Hyde (1990/15) Horror, starring Michael Caine. ★★★★★
12.30am Maigret Mystery drama.
1.35 The Undercover Man (1949/PG) Crime thriller, starring Glenn Ford. ★★
3.20 Stop Me Before I Kill! (1960/18) Thriller, starring Ronald Lewis. ★★
5.25-6.00am Murder at the Grange (1952/U) Mystery, starring Frank Hawkins. ★★

GREAT! MOVIES
5.00pm Lost Letter Mysteries: Freedom to Give (2014/PG) Mystery, starring Eric Mabius and Kristin Booth. ★★
7.05 Lost Letter Mysteries: Reunited
9.00 Trigger Point (2021/12) Thriller, starring Barry Pepper and Colm Feore. ★★
10.55 How I Spent My Summer Vacation (2012/15) Crime thriller, starring Mel Gibson and Kevin Hernandez. ★★
1.00am Disturbing the Peace (2020/15) Thriller, with Guy Pearce and Devon Sawa. ★★
4.00-6.00am Two Wrongs (2015/PG) Thriller, starring Gillian Zinser and Ryan Blakely. ★★



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X-rated flicks a turn-off

I WISH I'd never agreed to watching porn in the bedroom.

My boyfriend thought they might spice things up, but all they've done is sap my confidence and make me feel bad about my sexual performance.

If he thinks those (professional) men and women are sexy, why is he with me?

I don't want to do any of the dirty things they do in those flicks. Why did he ever think I would find the action a turn on?

I'm no prude but the filth he showed me was so gross and so graphic, I can't stop thinking about it.

I now feel dirty every time we touch.

JANE SAYS: You both made a mistake.

Your boyfriend's choice wasn't appropriate, and you both need to go back to square one.

Pornography is very different to love making. What you and your boyfriend have together is real; it's a genuine affection that is celebrated through the act of intercourse.

Sadly, you saw something unpalatable to you, but you can't allow it to kill your relationship.

Do you and he need relationship counselling?

I don't recognise my grieving guy

HE HAS NO TIME FOR ME

I FEAR my man is in the throes of a mid-life crisis.

I don't recognise him anymore. He's moody and distant.

He's spending money on leather jackets, piercings and a motorbike.

He is working long (odd) hours and coming and going like a sulky teenager. I try and ask him about his life and get one-word answers. I deserve better.

We've been together for many years. I nursed him through a serious illness in 2019 and once paid off £12,000 in debts when a business venture went wrong.

Yet he's treating me like a nuisance, and I don't like it. A friend of his runs a garage out of town and he now spends any spare time, over there, tinkering with cars and bikes. Well, that's what he tells me he does.

We've not had sex in weeks. Recently, in the bedroom. I stripped naked and begged him to make love to me. His response was, "Put your clothes back on, you're making a fool of yourself." I fled to the sofa in tears.

When he does come home, he throws himself into the downstairs shower yelling: "Grease."

Any time I try and have a conversation or organise for us to do something as a couple, he's always too busy.

When I complain about him



Picture posed by models

STRUGGLE: Moody man spends hours at the garage and doesn't even take partner out

being selfish, he accuses me of being insensitive.

I know that losing his brother last year hit him hard.

He says that his brother's death has made him realise that every day is precious. I do get that, but what about me? On the rare times we're in the same room he's distracted and distant.

His own twin sister says she doesn't know who he is anymore. The other day she came round for a meal, and he totally blanked her too. This is what I'm having to put up with.

JANE SAYS: Do you both need some time apart? The

problem is that your chap has shot off in a completely different direction and you're struggling to understand your role in his life.

We all deal with grief in different ways, and he is clearing finding it very difficult to settle after the unexpected death of his brother.

Explain to him that you're hurting too and would appreciate some honesty.

Is there something he needs to tell you about the new people he's mixing with?

Where is this garage? Could you spend some time there too? If not, why not? It

could be that he'll benefit from speaking to his GP and/or bereavement counselling.

This can be organised via CRUSE Bereavement Care (0808 808 1677).

Understandably you are confused but you also must consider your own emotional and physical wellbeing.

It sounds as if his sister is your best ally at the moment as you're both going through similar experiences.

This is a sad situation, but you cannot allow anyone to drag you down. You must think of yourself and your own future too.

Friend resents my love

MY friend can't stand the fact that I've found love late in life.

I'd like her to be happy for me. After all, she has a wonderful husband who dotes on her.

But she simply can't be civil to either me or my partner.

Recently I tried to make things right with a restaurant meal. I booked a table and announced that I was paying for everything.

Unfortunately, she drank too much and then started calling me "embarrassing" and "sad".

My partner tried to calm her down and she kicked a chair over and made a scene. How do I deal with this?

JANE SAYS: I suspect you've been the "handy single friend" for a long time. Your pal got used to you being available.

But you're not her accessory. Your circumstances have changed, you've found love, which is wonderful.

You've willingly tried to include her in your plans but if she can't be an adult, then that's her loss.

Organise a face-to-face meeting and give it to her straight.

I can't imagine your man will put up with her for long. He's your future now and he deserves better.



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Her hol flings are big worry

I WASN'T impressed when my girl announced she was going on another holiday with her pals. The last time they went away she returned home covered in love bites.

She refused to have sex with me for weeks. I suspect she caught an STI. Now she's back from her latest jaunt and is ignoring me all over again. Help.

JANE SAYS: The fact your girl has gone to ground again suggests that she probably did mess around on her recent trip. Do yourself a favour and admit that she is not the one for you.

If you can't trust her then what is the point of this relationship? Clearly her "jaunts" and holiday lovers mean more to her than you do.

PHOTO CASEBOOK

ONE-NIGHT STAND BACKFIRED

DAY 3

1 Eddie grabs Emma and pulls her on to him



2



3 Next morning Eddie's in for a shock



4 Eddie wakes Emma up



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ARIES

March 21 to
April 20

YOU will be surprised by how in tune you are with the thoughts and feelings of others around you. You seem to be able to sense their mood and their needs. This provides a perfect opportunity for you to strengthen relationship bonds.

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GEMINI

May 22 to
June 21

GIVE free rein to your imagination and you could discover a talent that has been lying dormant. Creative pastimes are a great way to channel your energy. You will get pleasure from putting your mind to anything that needs imagination.

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LEO

July 24 to
August 23

YOU want to be on your own and you won't be pleased to be surrounded by meddling people. You don't want to gossip with colleagues and neighbours. You just want to get back in touch with your own thoughts and feelings, plans and ideas.

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TAURUS

April 21 to
May 21

AVOID making any further commitments to a long-term project until you find out exactly what it is you are in for. As much as you want to support this venture, be sensible and take precautions to protect your health and general wellbeing.

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CANCER

June 22 to
July 23

TRAVEL delays, communication breakdowns and finding parking spaces when you arrive at your destination will try your patience. If you're running late, try not to let this fluster you. Keep your mobile charged in case you might be late for an appointment.

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VIRGO

August 24 to
September 23

THE divide between you and a relative you fell out with is as deep as ever. You wish it could be different but a past disagreement will never be resolved unless one of you is willing to back down. Your opinions differ considerably.

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LIBRA

September 24 to
October 23

ASSERT yourself if you aren't happy with current circumstances. The chance to change things in a close relationship is there if you take the initiative. A partner will be surprised to hear your views but they will appreciate your honesty.

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SAGITTARIUS

November 23 to
December 21

AN executive has admired your skills from a distance. They recognise your potential and are about to make you an offer. If you've been called for an interview take this opportunity to splash out on some fashionable items for your wardrobe.

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AQUARIUS

January 21 to
February 19

YOU'VE been left alone to manage a job others are finding too difficult to handle. Once the worst is over, a senior colleague will start taking more interest in your progress. Make certain you get the proper credit for your contribution.

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SCORPIO

October 24 to
November 22

IF your dreams are to come true you need to be serious about them and you need to believe in yourself. Set long-term goals and create deadlines. You will find it easier to transform dreams into reality when you have a firm plan in mind.

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CAPRICORN

December 22 to
January 20

A HEARTFELT conversation will allow you to air your frustration. Your relationship needs are not being met. Some radical changes are necessary. A partner may also need some reassurance that you are meeting each other halfway.

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PISCES

February 20 to
March 20

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RACY: Vanner with Moore in Bond. Right, all glammed up



STAR CHEATS DEATH TWICE

AS a Bond girl, she famously enjoyed a steamy log cabin clinch with Sir Roger Moore's 007 in *The Spy Who Loved Me*.

But since appearing in the 1977 flick in her twenties as a sexy Soviet agent, brave actress and singer Susie Vanner has survived two near fatal health dramas, themselves worthy of a movie.

Back in 1994 the Romford-born star was at her London flat with her husband Warren Todd and their three-year-old son Ryan, when she suddenly started suffering from a severe headache and collapsed.

A scan revealed she'd had a subarachnoid brain haemorrhage, a type of life-threatening stroke caused by bleeding on the surface of the brain, in her case caused by a burst vessel from a tangle of veins.

She says: "They didn't know whether I would live or die."

Fortunately, the blood eventually drained from Susie's brain without surgery. But she explains: "I was in a coma for about 48 hours and when I came to I was blind - very frightening." Susie was in hos-

by JIM MOORE

pital for weeks and had to wear an eyepatch to counter double vision.

She adds: "It was scary as I was a very fit and healthy person." Susie eventually went back to her habit of going to the gym every day and following a sensible diet.

But in 2007 a mammogram and biopsy revealed grade three, stage two breast cancer, which had spread to her lymph nodes.

She says: "I didn't feel ill so was shocked. It was a very aggressive form of cancer and within a week I'd had surgery."

Susie took the controversial decision not to have drugs or chemotherapy to help stop the cancer returning.

She explains: "Chemotherapy can damage your immune system and I didn't want that. I wanted to fight it without being a victim, throwing up and losing my hair."

After consulting a doc in Germany, she claims tests revealed vitamin C might help kill the tumour cells. She had high doses intravenously. Susie says: "The count of cancer cells in my blood dropped drasti-

cally." The star is still clear of cancer 17 years on.

Susie follows an alkaline and organic diet, cutting out alcohol, sugar and bread and eating lots of fish, veg and salad. While she feels the regime worked for her, Susie is not necessarily recommending it to other cancer patients.

She says: "This does not work for everybody - please don't think I'm against chemotherapy entirely. Sometimes it's probably the only thing that can work."

Cancer Research UK says: "There's no evidence yet from clinical trials that vitamin C improves cancer survival."

Now Susie, who sang Northern Soul in the 60s, has released a second album, with singing helping her through her recent marriage split.

● **Susie's album *That Kind Of Love* is out now.**



BIG HIT: Susie with drink and singing



DINING OUT: Picnic



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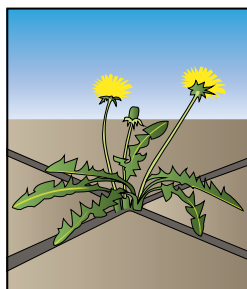
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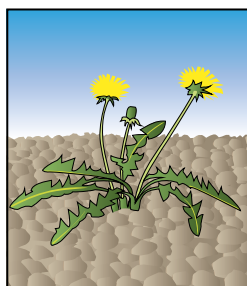
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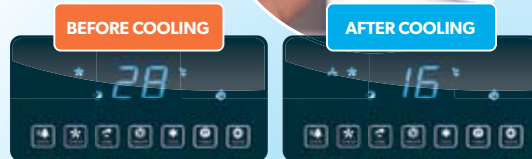
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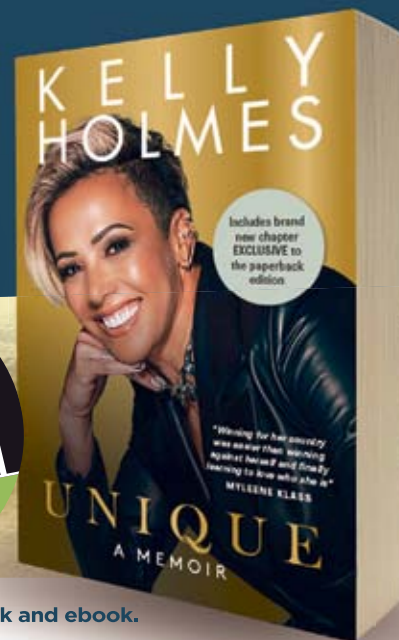
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LEVEL: Moderate, 22 Mins
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Answers in tomorrow's **DAILY STAR**

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Across: Damages, Orbit, Tango, Dictate, Clemency, Burp, Squirt, Lizard, Fake, Tortuous, Lampoon, Excel, Hotly, Destroy.
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TWO-WAY TEASER

TWO sets of clues but the answers are the same...

CRYPTIC CLUES ACROSS

- The price to be paid for being puffed out (8)
- Most modern model afoot! (4)
- A rather odd, soft sort of steak (4)
- State of the river (8)
- Stairway lighting? (7)
- Price of a piano? (5)
- Athlete and climber (6)
- Most mature priest, possibly (6)
- Fine two fellows for spilling lager (5)
- Leggy teams? (7)
- The congregation did so, that's understood (8)
- Unpleasant person's nasty pun (4)
- Bound to back it, boy (4)
- Old English type? (8)

DOWN

- The thief returned the grub for a bit of a lark (7)
- Being yellow, is in trouble monthly (5)
- She stole a cut of pork from a workman! (5)
- Just what the doctor ordered (4)
- Greatly praise the way most adults make tea! (7)
- Part of Hitler's Reich (5)
- The one resort that's just right (5)
- To disguise the ugliest part takes cleverness (5)
- Wrong thing, that is, to

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION:

ACROSS: 1 Iberia, 4 Astute, 7 Lean, 8 Virginal, 9 Outlast, 12 Fag, 14 Maraud, 15 Marina, 16 Nod, 18 Scratch, 22 Cataract, 23 Hero, 24 Census, 25 Chaste.
DOWN: 1 Isle of Man, 2 Enamoured, 3 Anvil, 4 Arras, 5 Toil, 6 Tiara, 10 Truss, 11 Trait, 12 Faithless, 13 Gladstone, 17 Orate, 19 Chaos, 20 Attic, 21 Pass.

- wear at a pyjama party? (7)
16 Means of finding that some tarts have a certain sharpness (7)
17 Correct girth, possibly (5)
19 Shelf with a right-angled brink (5)
20 The Spanish, also African antelope (5)
21 Nominally, she's not quite a colleen (4)

QUICK CLUES ACROSS

- Swelled out (8)
- Continue (4)
- Backside (4)

- Long U.S. river (8)
- Coming down (7)
- Splendid (5)
- Track athlete (6)
- Most mellow (6)
- Royal (5)
- Cricket teams (7)
- Collected (8)
- Hitlerite (4)
- Attached (4)
- Collie, perhaps (8)

DOWN

- Thieving intruder (7)
- Citrus fruit (5)
- Lady (5)
- Medicine taken (4)
- Flatter unduly (7)
- Fraction (5)
- Perfect (5)
- Cunning (5)
- Sleeping-garment (7)
- Testing for flavour (7)
- Correct (5)
- Shelf (5)
- Large antelope (5)
- Flagflower (4)

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ANSWERS IN TOMORROW'S PAPER

10 SMASHING PAGES OF **STARSPORT** START WITH TENNIS

DOUBLES JEOPARDY

Murray's Olympic farewell in balance after Evans injury

ANDY MURRAY'S return to winning ways in his 1,000th ATP Tour match was overshadowed by a potentially serious knee injury to his Olympics doubles partner Dan Evans.

The tearful British No.3 said he was "heartbroken" and "worried" after slipping and screaming in pain during his singles match at Queen's Club.

Evans (*inset*) has pulled out of the doubles here with Murray - and will learn in the next 48 hours if his dream to partner the Scot in his likely last appearance in Paris has been shattered.

He had been one-set all with American Brandon Nakashima.

"If I miss the Olympics or Wimbledon, it would be a tough one to swallow, no doubt," said Evans. "I think it's the MCL (medial collateral ligament). I've got to wait 48 hours, let it settle, and then get a scan. I'm in limbo a bit."

Murray, who will play doubles at SW19 with his brother Jamie, said: "I just heard when I got to the locker room."

"I haven't spoken to him. One of the doubles players on the court next to him at the time said he heard him. It sounded pretty bad."

Murray might be able to play in Paris with Jack Draper or Cam Norrie.

"I have no idea how that works, if we're able to change teams now or if it's set in stone," he said. The former world

■ by NEIL McLEMAN

No.1 struggled with his own fitness issues before beating world No.48 Alexei Popyrin 6-3 3-6 6-3 at the cinch Championships amid joyous scenes.

The Scot had lost his last three matches, in Geneva, Paris and Stuttgart, and had not won an ATP Tour clash since before his ankle injury in Miami in March or with his new Yonex racquet.

But back on the grass where the former world No.1 has won five times, Murray showed he is not ready to retire quite yet - and he will face another Aussie Jordan Thompson in the second round today.

But he struggled in the second set and limped off the stage after his post-match press conference.

Murray said: "I have felt better. I didn't realise it was my 1,000th match until my mum told me just before I came out. Genuinely didn't know that was how many I had played. It is a lot of matches."

"I have had a very long career and it's been really, really good to me. But it's been tough on the body as well."

The world No.129 added: "Any win that you can get is important. With Wimbledon a few weeks away, I want to build up some confidence."

British No.6 Billy Harris had the best win of his career, beating world No.32 Tomas Martin Etcheverry 6-4 3-6 6-3.



THOUSAND TO ONE SHOT: Murray enjoys his landmark outing



BIG TEST: Draper

Jack's Al fired up for clash

■ by NEIL McLEMAN

JACK DRAPER declared he "can't wait" to take on Carlos Alcaraz after winning his first match as British No.1 in only 54 minutes.

The big left-hander brought the form which won his first ATP Tour title in Stuttgart to West London to beat Argentine Mariano Navone 6-3 6-2.

And Draper's reward is a second-round clash with the Wimbledon and French Open champion.

"We all know how good Carlos is," said Draper.

"It is probably one of the biggest tests in tennis right now."

"It will be an amazing test to feel where I am. I can't wait to go out and compete with Carlos. It will be an incredibly exciting match-up."

World No.2 Alcaraz started the defence of his cinch Championships title with a 13th consecutive win on grass

He beat Francisco Cerundolo 6-1 7-5 in 82 minutes.

"I'm really happy with everything I've done and hopefully I'll keep on going," he said.

5 FOR FUN

- Who recently became the first female driver to claim victory in a British Formula 4 race?
- Which Wigan pair each scored two tries in the 2024 Betfred Challenge Cup semi-final win over Hull KR?
- Who beat Joe Cordina last month to add the IBF super featherweight title to his IBF crown?
- Which manager was sacked by Juventus two days after leading them to their 2024 Coppa Italia final win?
- Which American golfer won the 2024 PGA Championship?

ANSWERS: Page 40

SPORTWORD

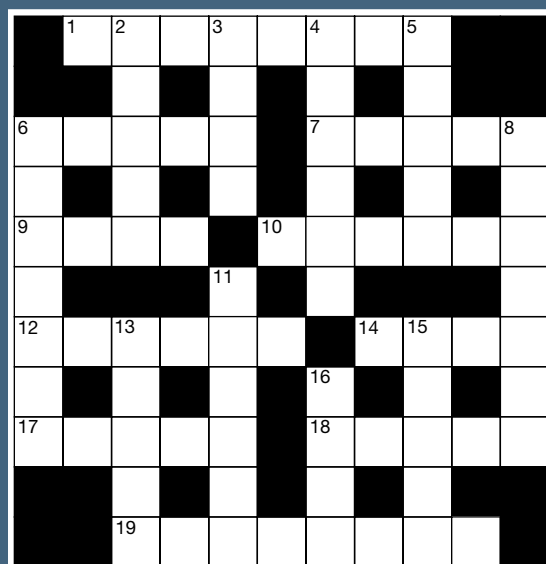
ACROSS

- See 6 Across.
- 1 Across. 1899-2017 Tottenham Hotspur home ground (5,4,4)
- John, 1964-75 Scotland and 1961-78 Rangers defender (5)
- Nathan, Australia Test cricketer who took 8-50 against India in Bengaluru in 2017 (4)
- Thorbjorn, Danish golfer; 2018 Italian Open and 2022 British Masters tournament winner (6)
- Giannelli, 2019 DR Congo and 2016-20 Stoke midfielder (6)
- Jimmy, 2005-09 Mali and 2008-13 Reading winger (4)
- Rodney, 1971-73 England and 1966-72 QPR striker (5)
- 18 and 11 Down. 2008-14 Morocco and 2006-11 Liverpool winger (5,2,4)
- Christian, Denmark and Brentford midfielder (8)

DOWN

- Joe, Nigeria, Southampton, 2015-19 Charlton and 2019-22 Rangers midfielder (5)
- match, cricket game where the sides' aggregate scores are equal (4)
- Brett, 1990-94 Southend United, 1994-95 Everton and 1995-96 Sunderland striker (6)
- Charlie, England and Bath Rugby lock (5)
- 6 and 13 Down. US stock car racing driver; 2024 Daytona 500 winner (7,5)
- Sally, 1986 Commonwealth Games 100m hurdles gold medalist (7)
- See 18 Across.
- See 6 Down.
- SD, 2023-24 Segunda Division club coached by Joseba Etxeberria (5)
- Ikechi, 2013-17 Scotland, 2013-16 Watford and 2016-20 Derby midfielder (4)

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Marcus is fly-ing

STEVE BORTHWICK says Marcus Smith's Premiership heartache is driving the Harlequin to make England's fly-half berth his own.

The head coach has named Smith (*inset*) at No.10 for Saturday's Tokyo clash with Japan - just his fourth start in that position in the current regime.

Smith's Quins did not make the play-offs, meaning he has been in camp from the word go since the end of May. Fin Smith, his main rival

■ from ADAM HATHAWAY for the shirt, did not arrive until after he had guided Northampton to the title on June 8.

Borthwick said: "I see a real competitor in Marcus, he is a player who is really internally driven."

"He wanted, as every player does, to play finals rugby with his club."

"He didn't but from the first moment he walked into camp I sensed an even greater hunger and determination than I've ever seen in him."



STAR SHORTS

Paul is all Mike'd up

BOXING

JAKE PAUL will get ready for his rescheduled bout with Mike Tyson in November by taking on Mike Perry on July 20.

Youtuber-turned-boxer Paul will face former UFC star and current bare-knuckle fighter Perry in Tampa, Florida, at cruiserweight.

He said: "Five months until Tyson and I go to war. In the meantime me and Perry are going to make Tampa roar."

Barca to start Tour

CYCLING

THE Tour de France will start in Barcelona for the first time in 2026.

The 113th edition of the three-week event begins on July 4.

It will feature two stages in the Catalonia region and a third that will start there and finish in France.

That will mark the 26th time that the Tour de France has started from a foreign country.

ANSWERS

YESTERDAY'S SPORTWORD
Across: 1 Lewis; 4 Jovic; 7 Oda; 8 Dalot; 9 Rives; 10 Evin; 11 Mystik; 14 Limpit; 15 Webb; 18 Pedri; 20 Rooks; 21 BSA; 22 Zenga; 23 Gasly.
Down: 1 Lodge; 2 William; 3 Soto; 4 Jarryd; 5 Viv; 6 Oisak; 12 The Dons; 13 Saliba; 14 Lopez; 16 Busby; 17 Drag; 19 Dan.

FIVE FOR FUN
1 Abbi Pulling, 2 Abbas Miski and Jake Wardle, 3 Anthony Cacace, 4 Massimiliano Allegri, 5 Xander Schauffele.

Rory off to Paris

by DARREN WELLS

RORY McILROY and Shane Lowry are set to represent Ireland in this summer's Olympics at former Ryder Cup venue Le Golf National.

The qualifying period for the Paris Games came to an end after the US Open at Pinehurst on Sunday.

The 60-player field features players from 32 countries, with the United States the only nation to have more than two qualifiers.

World No.1 Scottie Scheffler, defending champion Xander Schauffele, Wyndham Clark and Collin Morikawa will represent the USA from August 1-4.

Matt Fitzpatrick and Tommy Fleetwood qualified for Great Britain.

Each National Olympic Committee will have until June 27 to officially confirm their athletes to the International Golf Federation.

BOXING



FISH BASH BOSH

Niall's angling for fame like Stockport pal Foden

NIALL BROWN grew up fishing with football star Phil Foden but now he's looking for a different hook to be the latest star from Stockport.

The middleweight hopeful has his next outing in the ring this Friday night when he faces Jonathan Bouillot on the undercard of gym-mate Lyndon Arthur's clash with Liam Cameron in Bolton.

Brown is another product of the Edgeley area of Stockport, where Manchester City and England ace Foden grew up.

Foden is a regular at his friend's fights and seeing him go on to achieve what he has for club and country is an inspiration for Brown.

"I've known him since I can remember," said Brown, who trains under Pat Barrett at Collyhurst and Moston in Manchester.

"We grew up in the same area. We used to knock about playing football and fishing. He's gone on to do massive things and I'm buzzing for him.

"Whenever he would finish school or

by CHRIS McKENNA

got back from training, we'd be fishing on the pond near us or having a kick-about. He is very good at fishing (*inset above*), look at his social media.

"I was nowhere near as good as him at football. I never took it seriously, I wasn't as into football.

"But he's an inspiration. He's just a normal lad who is really good at football. To see him do good things, it brings a good morale to the area. Everyone buzzes off him."

A famous video did the rounds a few years ago of Foden having a kickabout on the street with his friends.

Brown added: "He'd always have a football with him. Even when we were going fishing he would have a football in his bag or under his arm.

"That was his thing. He was so good. He was quiet as well, he'd never speak about it. He would just turn up in his kits but never go on about it.

"Even now he would stop and have a kickabout. I think that's why he is so good because he enjoys it so much."

Brown, who is unbeaten in 11 fights,



HOT RODS: Niall Brown with Phil Foden and beating Bahadur Karami (*inset*)



is looking to make a name for himself in boxing after finding the sport during the Covid lockdown.

He was a talented Muay Thai fighter but went to Collyhurst to work with Arthur and Zelfa Barrett on his boxing skills in 2020.

"There was a buzz around boxing and I wasn't getting the rewards in Muay Thai," he said.

"I want to use the sport as a way to provide for my family. I think I can go as

far as I want as long as I keep winning. If I pick up titles along the way, there's no way I can't be a champion."

Foden won't be able to make Friday night for obvious reasons but Brown will be out in Germany next week to see his friend.

"Once the fight is out of the way, I'll be out there," he said.

WATCH Arthur v Cameron and Brown v Bouillot on Channel 5 on Friday night.

JOLLY GREEN GIANT



BOSTON GLEE PARTY: Kristaps Porzingis and Co with the NBA trophy

THE Boston Celtics reached for the heights in more ways than one to become the most successful team in NBA history.

Kristaps Porzingis – the 7ft 2in Latvian who missed games three and four of the NBA finals – returned to help them beat the Dallas Mavericks 106-88 in Game Five.

That clinched a 4-1 series win and the Celtics' 18th NBA title, now one more than their

old rivals the Los Angeles Lakers. Porzingis (*right*) managed just 16 minutes but contributed five points and a rebound.

"I gave everything I could," he said. "And, man, it feels great to be a champion."

Porzingis was ruled out last week with a dislocated tendon in his left ankle and was still doubtful on the morning of the game.

But he passed a late

fitness test and then entered the game midway through the first quarter to huge cheers from the Boston crowd.

He added: "It was something torn. My tendon is just out of place. It pretty much hurts on every step.

"But my mindset was always, 'I'm going to try to find a way how I can manage this'.

"And somehow I got it going for this game. And, man, I got it going."



T20 WORLD CUP

WEST INDIES v ENGLAND
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MEDICINE MAN

■ from RORY DOLLARD
in St Lucia

REECE TOPLEY says England and West Indies bowlers might have to suck it up and "take their medicine" on a surface pitch perfect for a batting showcase.

Record-breaking bowling performances have dominated the T20 World Cup thus far, with just three innings of 200 or more in the entire group stage.

But two of those have come in the last three days at the ground in Beausejour ahead of defending champions England meeting the co-hosts in a battle of the big hitters.

The West Indies hit 218-5 against Afghanistan at the venue on Monday – the highest total of the competition to date – while Nicholas Pooran's 53-ball 98 also set a tournament record.

While batters in both line-ups will be relishing the prospect in their first game of the Super 8s, Topley accepts life has just got harder for those at the other end.

"The wickets have been kind to bowlers so far, so it might be time to take a bit of medicine," Topley said.

"We might be in the problem-solving business now. Things are a bit more complicated as a bowler but the mission is fundamentally the same – trying to nullify someone else's strengths.

"You can probably say towards the end that a single is a win now, whereas last week you could be a bit more attacking and a bit more aggressive with field placings.

"Our batters might be licking their lips, though, and hopefully they can deliver the goods. Hopefully come Saturday morning we've had two good games and everyone will be smiling."

All-rounder Liam Livingstone is a major doubt, despite getting the all-clear after a side problem.

He did not attend training yesterday after feeling unwell, with Sam Curran set to hold his place.

Paceman Chris Jordan has also been under the weather, with England monitoring his fitness as they look to choose between his skills at the death and Mark Wood's electric pace.

In recent years England teams have become accustomed to dominating crowds in the Caribbean, with large travelling support outnumbering the local contingent.

But that will not be the case on an island where the bond between public and team burns bright.

The Daren Sammy Cricket Stadium is named after the West Indies' current coach, the first St Lucian to play international cricket and a two-time T20

Topley's ready to face battle of big hitters

World Cup-winning captain. And a stand is dedicated to another local boy done good – opener Johnson Charles.

"We've not played in front of an 'opposition crowd' for a long time – even here in November it was very well supported by our fans," added Topley.

"Maybe the West Indies will be trying to get their own back for our fans, who were incredible on that trip.

"Hopefully they'll create a cauldron of an atmosphere."



TEAMS

WEST INDIES: King, Charles, Pooran, Hope, Powell (c), Russell, Rutherford, Hosein, Joseph, Motie, McCoy.

ENGLAND: Buttler (c), Salt, Bairstow, Brook, Moeen, Jacks, Jordan, Curran, Archer, Rashid, Topley.

■ **TOUGH TASK:**
Topley expects batsmen to be on top in St Lucia while Livingstone (left) is an injury doubt



■ **HUGE LOSS:**
Rob Burrow in his pomp

WE'LL DO ROB PROUD VOWS CHOKED CHEV

LEEDS assistant coach Chev Walker still breaks down in tears thinking about former team-mate Rob Burrow.

The club are preparing to honour their fallen giant when they host Leigh on Friday.

A sell-out crowd is expected for Rhinos' first home game since Burrow, 41, died after a long battle with motor neurone disease. Fittingly, it is on Global MND Awareness Day.

Walker (*inset*) came through the Rhinos academy with Burrow and played more than 150 first-team games alongside him, including the club's maiden Grand Final glory in 2004.

The former Great Britain ace said: "It is going to be an emotional night but hopefully we do Rob proud."

"It has been a real tough time for all of us who played with Rob but there's lads here who were coached by him in the academy as well."

"He was such a character. You couldn't not like him."

"Everyone has been really affected. Even though we all knew it (Burrow's death) was inevitable, it's been a lot harder than I thought."

"Just today, I was messaging Baz (McDermott) saying how one moment I'd be laughing thinking about something Rob did and the next I'd suddenly just be emotional and crying again. But what a fight he gave."

Some old team-mates

are flying from Australia and New Zealand to pay their respects.

Kiwi star Ali Lauiti'iti and Aussie half-back Andrew Dunemann, who both featured in that victorious 2004 campaign, are making the trip specially.

Former Kangaroos hooker Danny Buderus, in the Leeds side when Burrow scored his brilliant solo try in the 2011 Grand Final win over St Helens, is also flying in.

Walker, 41, said: "That shows how much people loved Rob."

"He was the social butterfly around the changing room. There wasn't anyone he didn't get on with. And as different as everyone was, he could bond with everyone. He'd go out of his way to make sure everyone felt welcome."

"He was that sort of character... nosy, funny... and just wanted to know stuff. He'd never shut up."

"It meant he spoke to a lot of people and he got to know everyone."

Walker, hoping to help Leeds bounce back from Saturday's dismal defeat at Hull, added: "I can't wait to see Andrew Dunemann again."

"He's one of the sport's genuine good blokes. He actually paid his own fee to join Leeds and he'd do anything for anyone – such a team player."

"Ali is another who was a massive character and it'll be great to see him as well."



■ **OUR HERO:** Leeds players pay tribute to Burrow before facing Hull

Clarets a bit Ruud

■ by DAVID ANDERSON

RUUD VAN NISTELROOY is in the running to succeed Vincent Kompany as Burnley manager.

The Clarets are scouring Europe for Kompany's replacement.

And former Manchester United striker Van Nistelrooy won the Dutch Cup in his one season in charge of his old club PSV Eindhoven in 2023.

He left last summer, citing differences with the PSV board.

And he could move to Turf Moor with Henrik Jensen, who has just left Swedish club Kalmar, as his No.2.

Van Nistelrooy, 47, does not have a lengthy coaching CV, but he did star for United between 2001 and 2006, scoring 150 goals in 219 appearances, before joining Real Madrid.

Burnley hope to make an appointment soon and it is understood Frank Lampard and Carlos Corberan are not in the running.

FOOTIE FLASHES

● **MIDFIELDER** Will Jenkins-Davies, 19, has signed a new one-year contract with Plymouth.

● **GOALKEEPER** Murphy Mahoney, 22, has penned a contract extension with QPR.

● **ROTHERHAM** have signed Exeter defender Zak Jules, 26, on a two-year deal.

● **HUDDERSFIELD** have snapped up Lincoln wing-back Lasse Sorensen, 24.

● **PETERBOROUGH** have landed defender George Nevett, 18, from Rochdale on a four-year contract.

● **NOTTS COUNTY** have signed keeper Alex Bass, 26, from Sunderland on a three-year deal.

Bertrand: I'm done

■ by DARREN WELLS

FORMER Chelsea, Southampton and England defender Ryan Bertrand has announced his retirement.

The 34-year-old had not played for a club since leaving Leicester at the end of the 2022-23 season, when the Foxes were relegated from the Premier League.

"It's been a little while, but I get asked a lot of questions, 'When are you coming back, what are you doing?' said Bertrand.

"So, just to make that official, I am retiring and very much looking forward to the next steps."

Bertrand won 19 Three Lions caps and was part of Roy Hodgson's squad for Euro 2016.

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UNITED'S PAIN BARRIER



Ten Hag hamstrung by stars' mental frailties

ERIK TEN HAG reckons some of his Manchester United players were so badly affected by the negativity surrounding the club last season it caused them to be injured.

■ by DAVID McDONNELL

slightest injury issue. Ten Hag is known to have felt that way about striker Anthony Martial, who last played for United on December 9, spending the remainder of the season injured.

Martial, who spent nine years at United after joining from Monaco for an initial fee of £36m, left the club this summer when his contract expired after a poor return of 90 goals from 317 games.

Jonny Evans was brought in last season, ostensibly as cover, but played regularly in defence because of injuries to United's first-choice centre-backs, with World Cup winner Lisandro Martinez restricted to 14 appearances.

Teenage defender Willy Kambwala was not even on the Red Devils' pre-season tour last summer but was drafted in to address the injury crisis.

Ten Hag confided to those close to him that it was "crazy" to have to throw such an inexperienced defender straight into the side.

He also wanted to ration the appearances of rising star Kobbie Mainoo, 19, but was forced to continue playing him regularly because of a lack of midfield options.

The same was true of Argentine winger Alejandro Garnacho, also 19, who started United's last 38 games of the season, although both youngsters scored the goals in the 2-1 FA Cup win over City.

Ten Hag is of the belief that several of his squad were not mentally tough enough to cope with the criticism that came their way, with some unable to play through the pain barrier.

United suffered an unprecedented number of injuries to key players as they toiled to eighth place, their worst-ever Premier League finish, with a goal difference of minus one.

Although they ended the season on a high by beating Manchester City to win the FA Cup and claim a Europa League place, it was a campaign of major underachievement and frustration.

Ten Hag lacked the personnel, particularly at the back, to achieve any kind of consistency with his team selection, the Old Trafford boss forced to use more than 30 different defensive combinations.

But the Dutchman has confided that he felt a lot of the negativity surrounding United last season fed into the minds of the players and left many of them unable to play with the

NEGATIVE VIBES: United boss Erik ten Hag felt his players sold him short

AFCON IN WORLD OF TROUBLE

CLUBS will be able to refuse the release of players to the Africa Cup of Nations under FIFA's rules if the competition concludes in January 2026 as expected.

The AFCON due to be played in the summer of 2025 is being moved, in part due to FIFA's scheduling of the 32-team Club World Cup.

The new dates are understood to be December 21 to January 18, cutting right across the Premier League festive programme and only just missing at either side dates for Champions League match

■ by RICHARD LEWIS

rounds. However, it appears FIFA rules governing the release of players will mean clubs are within their rights to block players going to either the AFCON or the World Cup later in 2026.

"It is not compulsory to release the same player for more than one 'A' representative team final competition per year," FIFA's regulations on the status and transfer of players state.

The 2021 AFCON was played in January and

February 2022, but that was due to the pandemic rather than another tournament.

FIFA has been contacted for comment.

The calendar clash comes at a time when FIFA is facing a legal challenge in the Belgian courts from player unions over its scheduling of the Club World Cup.

The unions want the European Court of Justice to make a ruling on whether FIFA has breached the players' rights.



Crys chase is on

BRIGHTON are leading the chase for Leeds' £30m-rated forward Crysencio Summerville.

They have registered their interest in Summerville (*inset*), who was the Championship Player of the Year after scoring 21 goals and contributing nine assists last season.

And the Seagulls are one of a number of Premier League clubs keen on him. Chelsea and Crystal Palace are also monitoring

■ by DAVID ANDERSON Summerville's situation and Brighton believe he could replicate his stunning form in the top flight.

Leeds accept they must sell after missing out on promotion, despite Red Bull's cash injection easing their financial worries, and Summerville, 22, has two years left on his contract.

And they hope the growing interest in the Dutchman will drive up the price.



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■ GIMME MOR:
Denmark
assistant boss
Wieghorst

LIONS TAMER

Danes out to spring an upset says Wieghorst

DENMARK assistant boss Morten Wieghorst insists they will not fear England and says they can "create a great result".

The Danes had a disappointing start with their draw against Slovenia but later enjoyed a bonding session with a barbecue in a forest.

But Wieghorst has no doubt that his players will show a big reaction against the Three Lions as they also look for revenge after losing the Euros semi-final three years ago.

Denmark are still angry that England got a late winner after a penalty was given when Raheem Sterling went down in the box, accusing the winger of taking a dive.

That will be their driving force and Wieghorst says they are determined to set the record straight in Frankfurt tomorrow night.

The ex-Celtic midfielder said: "Courage with us will be crucial for us to create a great result. I am not at all afraid or worried that our players will lack courage."

"We must not fear anything, we must attack, but of course also have respect for who we meet.

"We have parked the Slovenia game. Everyone agrees on the

■ from JOHN CROSS

evaluation we have come up with. There is nothing new to add.

"Denmark has shown many times that we can compete against the biggest nations. That is also the expectation against England.

"Overall, we have played good games against England before. We have made it difficult for them and we have a team that can threaten England. That is why we will also go after the victory."

"But it is clear that we have to control the tactics in such a match. We have seen some places where we can hit them."

There was negativity in the Danish media after the Slovenia game but Sporting Lisbon star Morten Hjulmand says the players are embracing expectation levels.

The midfielder said: "I see it as positive that the Danish fans have such high expectations for the national team, because this team must have performed at a really high level in the past few years.

"I would have been a bit worried if people had been satisfied that we went out and played a draw against Slovenia.

"The people who are most disappointed are ourselves."

LES BLEUS HOPING IT'S NOT A KNOCKOUT BLOW FOR KYLIAN

KYLIAN MBAPPE will MISS France's Euro 2024 match with Holland on Friday and may not be seen until the knockout stages.

The France captain left Les Bleus' opener with his nose a bloody mess on Monday night and was rushed to hospital in Dusseldorf, but did not need to undergo surgery after medical tests revealed a bone fracture.

French Football Federation president Philippe Diallo said: "They tried to reduce the aftermath of his fracture, for him to be able to stay in the tournament. I'd say the information was positive."

That allayed fears that the soon-to-be Real Madrid superstar's tournament could be over, something that had looked a distinct possibility as head coach Didier Deschamps cut a forlorn figure after his side's 1-0 win over Austria.

And as he left hospital just after 1am, Mbappe took to social media, asking "any

■ by ALEX RICHARDS

ideas for masks?". When he returned to France's base camp early on Tuesday morning, Mbappe made clear he was desperate to return as soon as possible.

But after undergoing more medical tests and holding discussions with the team doctor and Deschamps, Mbappe has agreed to sit out the meeting with Ronald Koeman's side in Leipzig.

He is now due to have a protective mask built to allow him to return to light training and protect the injured area when he returns.

That is likely to depend on both what happens with the swelling around his nose and under his

eyes and Friday's result against the Oranje, who kicked off their campaign with a 2-1 victory over Poland.

If France win and effectively ensure top spot, Mbappe is unlikely to be risked in the final Group D game.

Deschamps wants to take no chances with his star striker and ensure he's ready for when the knockout stages roll around.



■ CRUNCH CLASH:
Mbappe smashes
his nose against Danso
in victory over Austria

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ANT TAKES IT AS READ

■ by DARREN WELLS

ANTHONY GORDON is hitting the books at Euro 2024 and has just added a Cristiano Ronaldo recommendation to his reading list as he bids to take his game to new heights.

Gordon (*inset*) excelled during his first full season at Newcastle and is now looking to become a continental champion for the second straight summer.

He was named player of the tournament after helping England win last year's Under-21s European Championship in Georgia.

The forward said: "I like self-help books, a lot of psychology things."

"I feel like I'm going to read it and be better or come out of it knowing something I didn't before."

"I've brought three. I've brought Dan Carter's one – The Art of Winning. I've brought David Goggins' Never Finished."

"The third one I'm getting my fiancée to bring over. Have you heard of the scientist Tony Robbins? It's called Life Force."

"(Training goalkeeper) Tom Heaton was talking about Ronaldo the other day and said that was the book he was reading and suggested to the Man United lads."

"He was saying what's good for the body and I was thinking, 'If Ronaldo reads it, I'm going to and see if I can pick anything out'."

WAGs get a free pass

■ from JOHN CROSS in Erfurt

GARETH SOUTHGATE will allow the WAGs into England's training base after every group fixture.

The squad are in a state of the art but remote golf resort and boss Southgate is being relaxed about family visits.

The players' loved ones met up with each other straight after Sunday's game against Serbia in Gelsenkirchen.

They were also allowed into camp on Monday and it will be a similar routine following tomorrow's match in Frankfurt and the last game in Cologne.

Unlike the showbiz circus of Baden-Baden in 2006, most of the families are not staying anywhere close.



IT'S MISSION IMPOSSIBLE

Capello: Lions bid for glory hit by fear and fatigue

FABIO CAPELLO believes England are gripped by "fear" because they have not won a trophy in 58 years.

■ from JOHN CROSS in Erfurt

Capello also says his "dream" job of managing England was made impossible because the players were all tired going into major tournaments.

The Italian says both of those factors undermined his chances of success and clearly feels they are still an issue now because of the demands of the Premier League.

Capello, 78, who led England to the 2010 World Cup in South Africa, was at Wembley to watch England lose the last Euros final and says the fear factor was the reason they did not lift the trophy.

Former Real Madrid boss Capello, talking to Rio Ferdinand on UEFA's Legends Lounge show, said: "It was my dream to manage England."

"I found a really good team but I said always that in spring you can play any team, September also. In March too."

"But in June, we are tired. When you play the World Cup, the Euros, the team played without confidence, with fear."

"Then I remember the last game in

the Euros, at Wembley, they were winning, then after 20 minutes they started playing the long ball from the keeper. Why? They have a fear. Why? It's such a long time with no trophy."

Capello admitted he sometimes struggled to convince the Three Lions players about his methods when they were so different to those of previous coaches.

He imposed discipline at team hotels with strict diets, no mobile phones and a tough training regime.

Capello added: "As a manager, every day you are fighting against 45 people. They look at you every day and ask, 'What are you doing?' They are scared."

"Respect is very important. I learned from my old manager when I was a player and he would say, 'You play like you train.'"

Former England defender Ferdinand even revealed during his interview with Capello that the players were so hungry that they had to sneak out for a fast food meal during one camp.

Ferdinand, who also says Capello tried to sign him as a kid, said: "Me, John Terry, Ashley Cole, Stevie Gerrard, Frank Lampard. We were all there eating McDonald's like scavengers."

"My agent called me when I was at West Ham and said, 'Fabio wants to sign you for Roma'. I thought it was a joke. But I think I was too young."

Capello believes Kylian Mbappe will be the player of the tournament because Jude Bellingham has been tired in the final weeks of the season.

He added: "I think Mbappe. I want to see Bellingham."

"In my mind, I saw Bellingham at Real Madrid and after six months he was fantastic, an incredible player."

"Now I think he is a little bit tired."

SHOUT OF AFRICA: Fabio Capello after 2010 World Cup exit against Germany

WORRYING: Marc Guehi and John Stones check on Kieran Trippier



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WAT THE HECK

'Imposter' Ollie had to pinch himself over rise to top

OLLIE WATKINS admits he suffered from "imposter syndrome" on his journey to the Euros.

Watkins has just enjoyed the season of his life after scoring 19 goals and providing 13 assists to help Aston Villa reach the Champions League.

But Watkins, 28, says there have been times when he did not really believe his own rise, especially after his £30m move to Villa Park when it catapulted him into the big time.

When asked whether he has had imposter syndrome, Watkins said: "Yeah, I would say so. Even when I first went to Villa, I'd just been bought for £30m and I was still unsure whether I deserved to be there."

"I hadn't done it in the Premier League yet, so I would say there was a

■ from JOHN CROSS in Erfurt

bit of that before. But now I'm in a really good place."

The season just gone has been his breakthrough year and also put him into the England squad for his first major tournament.

The former Brentford striker has put that down to mindset and also defying people who were writing off his chances of making the Euros squad.

He said: "Mindset. Mindset is huge. I spoke about it on a podcast, I was saying that you train every day physically and you can be really good technically but as a striker, you might not score for three games and then there'll be self-doubt... in previous seasons."

"Whereas now I'll be calm because I know I'm going to get opportunities and then I'll back myself to score.

Whereas before I might have been down on myself a bit more.

"From my perspective, the media maybe underestimated me. I had a really good year, got the most assists in the league, scored a lot of goals and people still weren't including me in their squads to come to the Euros."

"Everyone has their own opinion but I don't feel like I have that big profile where I'm talked about. Or where if I was left out of the squad, people would be like, 'Oh, I can't believe they didn't pick Ollie Watkins.' I'm happy I'm here now."

Watkins knows that he is in as back-up to Harry Kane and talked up the England captain's performance in the 1-0 win over Serbia, insisting that he had done a great job for the team.

But Watkins believes he could actually

play with Kane like Heung-min Son would do for Spurs.

And also says that sometimes an unexpected hero emerges, as he pointed to Joselu doing that for Real Madrid.

Watkins added: "I would like to play with H because he drops in deep. He can play the No.10 role and he picks up a lot of passes."

"I feel it would be similar to when he was at Tottenham and picking the balls up and playing it through to Son. But I know we're blessed with a lot of talent in the No.10 role."

"I just have to be ready when called upon. That's the mindset I've got. I'm ready for any opportunity."

"You've seen it in the Champions League. Joselu didn't play much but he came on and scored two important goals. Real wouldn't have won it without him."

INFORMATION STATION

Euro 2024 - Group F

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TURKEY (1) 3 GEORGIA (1) 1

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Guler 65 Akturkoglu 90

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Turkey.....	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
Portugal.....	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Czech Rep.....	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Georgia.....	1	0	0	1	1	3	0

BASKETBALL

NBA FINALS: Boston Celtics 106
Dallas Mavericks 88 (Boston
Celtics wins series 4-1).

CRICKET

ICC MENS T20 WORLD CUP -

Group C: West Indies v

Afghanistan (Gros Islet): **West Indies** 218-5 (20 overs; N Pooran 98); **Afghanistan** 114-10 (16.2 overs; O C McCoy 3-14). **West Indies** (2pts) win by 104 runs.

	P	W	L	T	NR	Pts	RR
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Afg'stan (Q).....	4	3	1	0	0	6	1.835
New Zealand.....	4	2	2	0	0	4	0.415
Uganda.....	4	1	3	0	0	2	-4.510
Papua N G.....	4	0	4	0	0	0	-1.268

CYCLING

WOMEN'S TOUR DE SUISSE -

Stage 4 (Champagne - Champagne, 127.5km): 1 D Vollering (Ned) Team SD Worx-Protime 3h 17m 53s. **Final overall:** 1 Vollering 9h 3m 17s, 2 N Bradbury (Aus) CANYON//SRAM Racing +1m 28s.

SWIMMING

EUROPEAN AQUATICS CH'SHIPS

(Belgrade)—Women's 800m

Freestyle final: 1 A Kesely (Hun) 8m 29.96s, 2 F Lewis (Gbr) 8:33.54, 3 D Ertan (Tur) 8:34.31.

TENNIS

ATP CINCH CHAMPIONSHIPS (The

Queen's Club, London)—**1st rd:** A Murray (Gbr) bt A Popyrin (Aus) 6-3 3-6 6-3; J Draper (Gbr) bt M Navone (Arg) 6-3 6-2; T Fritz (USA) bt T Daniel (Jpn) 6-3 6-3; M Arnaldi (Ita) bt U Humbert (Fra) 3-6 6-1 7-6 (8-6); L Musetti (Ita) bt A de Minaur (Aus) 1-6 6-4 6-2; S Korda (USA) bt K Khachanov (Rus) 7-5 7-6 (7-5) A Tabilo (Chi) bt A Davidovich Fokina (Spa) 7-6 (8-6) 3-6 6-1; T Paul (USA) bt S Baez (Arg) 6-4 6-4; C Alcaraz (Spa) bt F Cerundolo (Arg) 6-1 7-5; B Harris (Gbr) bt T Etcheverry (Arg) 6-4 3-6 6-3; B Nakashima (USA) bt D Evans (Gbr) 4-6 6-3 0-0 ret; G Mpetshi Perricard (Fra) bt B Shelton (USA) 6-3 7-6 (7-3).

WTA ROTHESAY CLASSIC

(Birmingham)—**1st rd:** E Mertens (Bel) bt C Wozniacki (Den) 6-4 6-1; B Krejickova (Cze) bt D Saville (Aus) 6-1 7-6 (7-5) M Bouzkova (Cze) bt H Watson (Gbr) 3-6 6-4 7-5; H Dart (Gbr) bt M Uchijima (Jpn) 6-3 6-3; D Shnaider (Rus) bt A Rajecki (Gbr) 7-5 6-3; C Dolehide (USA) bt K Pliskova (Cze) 2-6 6-3 7-6 (7-5) Y Putintseva (Kaz) bt C Burel (Fra) 6-3 6-4; A Kalinina (Ukr) bt K Boulter (Gbr) 6-3 0-0 ret.

ATP TERRA WORTMANN OPEN

(Halle, Germany)—**1st rd:** A Fils (Fra) bt T Machac (Cze) 6-4 6-4; J Duckworth (Aus) bt J Fonseca (Bra) 6-4 6-4; M Giron (USA) bt A Rublev (Rus) 6-4 7-6 (7-5) C Eubanks (USA) bt P Martinez (Spa) 6-3 6-4; A Bublik (Kaz) bt M Purcell (Aus) 7-6 (7-1) 6-4; J Sinner (Ita) bt T Griekspoor (Ned) 6-7 (8-10) 6-3 6-2; A Zverev (Ger) bt O Otte (Ger) 6-7 (5-7) 6-3 6-4.

WTA ECOTRANS OPEN

(Berlin)—**1st rd:** D Vekic (Cro) bt J Niemeier (Ger) 1-6 6-1 6-3; Q Zheng (Chn) bt N Osaka (Jpn) 6-4 3-6 6-3; E Alexandrova (Rus) bt B Maia (Bra) 6-4 6-4; L Noskova (Cze) bt A Kerber (Ger) 7-6 (7-4) 2-6 6-4; V Kudermetova (Rus) bt L Samsonova (Rus) 3-6 6-4 6-4; V Azarenka (Blr) bt M Sakkarri (Gre) 6-4 6-2.

TODAY'S DIARY

Euro 2024 - Group A

Germany v Hungary (5pm).....
(Live on BBC 1)

Scotland v Switzerland (8pm).....
(Live on BBC 1)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Germany.....	1	1	0	0	5	1	3
Switzerland.....	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
Hungary.....	1	0	0	1	1	3	0
Scotland.....	1	0	0	1	1	5	0

Group B

Croatia v Albania (2pm).....
(Live on ITV 1)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Spain.....	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Italy.....	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Albania.....	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Croatia.....	1	0	0	1	0	3	0

CRICKET

ICC T20 World Cup - Group 2: USA v South Africa (North Sound, 3.30pm), England v West Indies (Gros Islet, 1.30am Thursday).

TENNIS

ATP Cinch Championships (The

Queen's Club, London). **WTA Rotheray Classic** (Birmingham). **WTA ecotrans Ladies Open** (Berlin). **ATP Terra Wortmann Open** (Halle).

SERIOUSLY football

EURO 2024

IT'S HOME COMFORT

From Back Page win more. I am so grateful for him that he put his trust in me and believed in me to play in the team. "I can't thank him enough."

And the midfielder suggested he would not be part of England's Euro 2024 squad in Germany if it was not for the United manager.

Mainoo added: "I am happy to keep building with him. He has won two trophies and there are more to come."

"It is nice to have the peace of mind that we know what manager we are going back to."

"There was always a lot of speculation in the media about what would happen and such, but I tried not to pay attention to it and play each game as it came."

United co-owner Sir Jim Ratcliffe and his fellow INEOS bosses conducted a review into Ten Hag's performance last season.

And they decided to keep the Dutchman after watching his side beat neighbours City and claim FA Cup glory at Wembley, with Mainoo grabbing a vital goal.

Mainoo, who will be hoping to start England's second Group C game against Denmark in Frankfurt tomorrow, added: "He's given me tips on how he wants me to play and what my role is."

"Him and his staff have helped me a lot."

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MAIN'S

Cool kid Kobbie is dreaming big

IF Kobbie Mainoo got much cooler, he'd be in danger of turning to ice.

However, there is little or no danger of the teenage sensation ever freezing on the big stage.

The England and Manchester United midfielder found himself breaking new ground again yesterday when he took part in the daily darts challenge against the media in Blankenhain.

It was the first time Mainoo had ever thrown an arrow in anger, but he promptly thrashed his opponent.

Before taking his seat in the press conference to answer questions with the sort of composure and class which belies his tender years.

Most 19-year-olds will spend this summer lying on a beach, completing A-levels, partying in the park or learning to drive, perhaps.

But Mainoo is helping England's quest to win Euro 2024, just weeks after winning the FA Cup final for Manchester City at Wembley.

He's earned praise from some of the biggest names in the game and is destined to have a glittering career.

Not that Mainoo is fazed by how his life has changed in a matter of months, because his ice-cold temperament is maybe his greatest gift of all.

So when was the last time he lost his s***?

"Maybe when we won the FA Cup," said Mainoo. "I'm not sure where my temperament comes from. I just try to take everything in my stride."

"Things have been happening quite quickly but I just try to take it all a game at a time, a day at a time. It's just been working for me so far."

That might be one of the

■ from JEREMY CROSS in Erfurt understatements of the season. Mainoo didn't start his first Premier League game until November but has never looked back since.

And having produced a man-of-the-match performance to destroy his neighbours at Wembley in the FA Cup final, Mainoo has no intention of resting on his laurels.

Mainoo admits he is now dreaming of scoring a winning goal to help England's chances of becoming the kings of Europe this summer.

He added: "I think that is what everyone dreams of doing, whether you are in the squad or a kid at home watching."

"Everyone dreams of scoring big goals for their country. It is always going to be the dream, isn't it?"

"If I get in the team, or have chances to make an impact, if that comes in the way of scoring or defending I don't mind. Anything to help the team."

Mainoo spent a large chunk of his youth career as a striker but switched positions because he wasn't seeing enough of the ball.

He grew up idolising England and United legend Wayne Rooney and admits it feels special to be singled out for praise by his club's record goalscorer.

Mainoo added: "Growing up, I always looked at attackers because I was a striker for most of my academy days."

"Obviously, growing up a United fan, I looked up to Rooney, as well as Ronaldinho - I used to watch him on YouTube - but it is mostly United players."

"I always appreciate good words from a legend of football and a club that I play for, it is always amazing."

GROUP C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
ENGLAND	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Denmark	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Slovenia	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Serbia	1	0	0	1	0	1	0



CHILLED OUT: Kobbie Mainoo on England media duty



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POWER



EYE FOR A PASS: Mainoo in training in England's camp



HAVING A DART: Mainoo stays focused on the oche

FODEN CAN JOIN BELL OF THE BALL

PHIL FODEN has admitted his link-up play with Jude Bellingham "can get better".

Real Madrid superstar Bellingham stole the show against Serbia in England's opening Group C fixture as he scored and was man of the match.

It put Foden in the shade but the Manchester City forward also struggled to find his usual space and opportunities.

Manager Gareth Southgate faces a big challenge in getting the best out of two of his biggest talents (*inset*) and Foden admits the pair of them must work on improving their understanding.

He said: "Jude's obviously an exceptional

■ from JOHN CROSS talent. Our link-up play is good at times and it's improving and can keep getting better. He's an exciting talent, I enjoy playing with him."

England got past Serbia with a narrow win and face a tougher game against Denmark tomorrow night.

Foden added: "The first game of a major tournament is always the most difficult. It's important to get a win."

"Obviously we had to defend at times and dig deep, but if we're going to win something, we have to do that."



Menu is secret of our success

THE award-winning chef cooking England's meals at the Euros has been banned from revealing the team's menu.

German Danny Schwabe was awarded a prestigious Michelin star in 2023.

But before getting the gig to prepare all of the squad's meals, he was made to sign a non-disclosure agreement preventing him from discussing details of the grub.

England have taken two of their own chefs to their training base at the Spa & Golf Resort Weimar

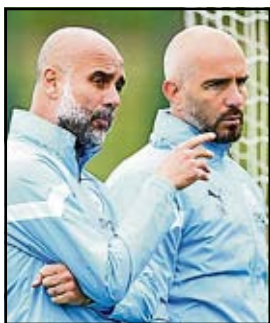
■ from JEREMY CROSS Land in Blankenhain. Schwabe leads a team of seven local chefs in cooking all the meals, which are then inspected by the two English cooks.

It's understood the players have been eating huge portions of pasta, rice and chicken, while captain Harry Kane has been asking the chefs to prepare dishes of his favourite sushi.

Gareth Southgate places huge emphasis on what his squad eat but has not banned any items like some of his predecessors did.

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Pep to face his old pal

by JEREMY CROSS

THE Premier League sorcerer will meet his former apprentice when champions Manchester City take on Chelsea on the opening weekend of the new season.

Pep Guardiola's title holders face a tough start on Sunday, August 18 at Stamford Bridge, where Pep's former No.2 Enzo Maresca (*with Guardiola, above*) has taken charge.

Newly-promoted Ipswich have a blockbuster home clash against Liverpool, who also have a new manager in Arne Slot.

Manchester United will host Fulham in the first game of the campaign, at Old Trafford on Friday, August 16.

Full Prem fixture list: See Pullout



ENGLAND STAR'S HOME COMFORT

MAINOO

Kobbie joy that mentor Ten Hag is staying at United

KOBBIE MAINOO believes he wouldn't be an England player without Erik ten Hag's backing.

And the teenage star is delighted that Ten Hag (*in-set*) has escaped the axe at Manchester United, despite presiding over their worst season in Premier League history.

from JEREMY CROSS in Erfurt

The Old Trafford giants finished eighth in the table with a negative goal difference and were knocked out of the Champions League at the group stage.

"It's nice to find out that he's staying and we can continue building with him and hopefully

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GERMANY BALLING: Kobbie Mainoo was full of smiles at the England training ground



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PUZZLE PLANET

THE PICTURE ZONE



WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

What happened next in this picture? A truck wheel is rolling down the highway. Choose one of the four options. **Solution next week**

1. It hits the black car, smashing the rear window.
2. It goes through the tunnel off a slipway and rests next to a tree.
3. It comes to a stop next to the wheel arch of the truck it fell off.
4. It hits the wall and starts to bounce towards the car that's filming, then bounces onto their bonnet.



PICTURE QUIZ

Can you name these coastal landmarks? Write down your answers to the right. **Solution next week**

A	D	G
B	E	H
C	F	I

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE



Spot six differences between the picture of Sabrina Carpenter on the left and right
Solution next week

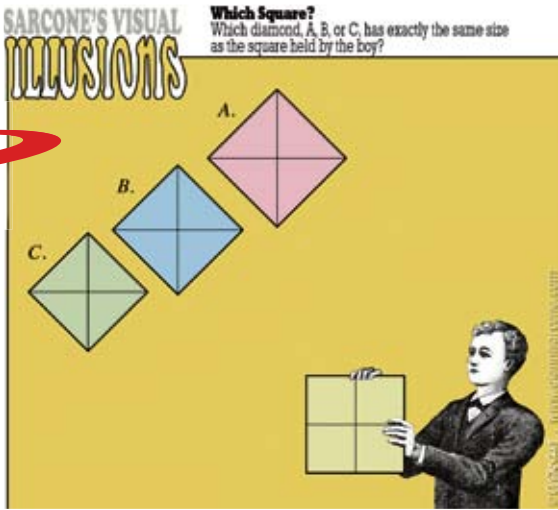


OPTICAL ILLUSION

Look carefully at these two optical illusions.

Can you work out the answer to each one?

Solution next week



MAGIC EYE

Hold the image right up to your nose: it will be blurry. Focus and slowly move the image away from your face. Keep your eyes focused beyond the image, do not focus on the actual image.

The image will start to form a fuzzy 3D shape. Stop here, focusing beyond the image and the 3D shape should appear.
Clue: He is not afraid of heights
Solution next week



We have removed the football from this picture. Have a bit of fun with your mates - or even a little bet - to see if you can guess which section the ball was in. Using the grid, choose a row (A-M) and a column (1-19). **Solution next week**

PUZZLE PLANET

THE THINKING ZONE

Fill the grid so that every column, row, and 3x3 square includes all of the digits from one to nine. **Solutions next week**

SUDOKU

EASY

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MEDIUM

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MEGA ALPHA PUZZLE

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SMALL X-WORD

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ACROSS

- 1 In another place (9)
- 7 Sid eel (anag.) (6)
- 9 Canonised (7)
- 10 Very dry (4)
- 12 Dog's coat (3)
- 13 People in charge (7)
- 14 ___ McShane, actor (3)
- 15 Curved roof (4)
- 17 Makes possible (7)
- 19 Chucks (6)
- 20 Restore to a former rank (9)

Solution next week

Stuck on today's Small X-word? For today's solution call:

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PUB QUIZ

Solution next week



- 1 Which British actress and mistress of the future Edward VII was known as the Jersey Lily?
- 2 Which natural phenomena does a volcanologist study?
- 3 Of which US state is Honolulu the capital?
- 4 Which comic actor starred in the films I'm All Right, Jack and Dr Strangelove?
- 5 What is the title of former One Direction singer Zayn's, left, new studio album?
- 6 What name for a traitor is derived from a Norwegian army officer who collaborated with the Nazis?
- 7 Which widely cultivated cereal grass is also called Indian corn?
- 8 Which city is the

administrative centre of Norfolk?

- 9 How many humps does a Bactrian camel have?
- 10 The Great British Sewing Bee, currently hosted by Kiell Smith-Bynoe, celebrated which anniversary this year?
- 11 What name is given to the proportion of water vapour in the atmosphere?
- 12 Which light volcanic rock derived from acidic lava is used as an abrasive?

- 13 In which English county is Maiden Castle?
- 14 In England and Wales, how many people usually sit on a jury?
- 15 What is the title of the Channel 4 show, hosted by Sue Perkins, in which contestants come up with money-making schemes?
- 16 Which black American civil rights campaigner was assassinated in Memphis in 1968?
- 17 Which mallet-and-ball game is played on a lawn with six hoops and a peg?
- 18 What is the name of the

collection of ancient Egyptian manuscripts buried with mummies as a guide to the afterlife?

- 19 Which park to the west of Paris contains Longchamp racecourse?
- 20 What is the title of the drama series about opioid addiction in America, starring Will Poulter and Michael Keaton?
- 21 On which river is the Aswan High Dam?
- 22 What was the first name of the 19th-century prime minister Gladstone?
- 23 Which patriotic song comes from Thomas Arne's masque Alfred?

- 24 What is the capital city of Morocco?
- 25 Beth Gibbons, left, recently released her debut solo album Lost Changes, but with which band did she rise to fame?
- 26 Which British poet and novelist wrote Not Waving But Drowning?
- 27 What name is given to hoofed mammals that chew the cud?
- 28 Which character seen in horror films is also known as a lycanthrope?
- 29 Which king of England initiated the English Reformation?
- 30 Which Scottish inventor gave a public demonstration of television in 1925?

CROSS

1 Faint constellation on the celestial equator east of Orion; the Unicorn (9)
5 Nickname of the US film director and producer Shelton Jackson Lee (5)
9 Branch of metaphysics that deals with the nature or essential characteristics of being (8)
11 Moon of Uranus discovered by English astronomer William Lassell in 1851 and named after a character in Alexander Pope's The Rape Of The Lock (1717) (7)
12 Opposition to the flow of alternating current in a circuit caused by capacitance or inductance, expressed in ohms (9)
13 State of northern Brazil bordering Suriname and French Guiana; capital, Macapá (5)
15 River of NE England said to be inhabited by the green-haired hag Peg Powler (4)
16 Benjamin ____, Republican US president (1889-93) preceded and succeeded by the Democrat Grover Cleveland (8)
17 Chief port of Corsica, on the NE coast; capital of the Haute-Corse department (6)
19 & 22 Cambodian communist leader born in Prek Sbauv, near Kompong Thom, in 1925 (3,3)
25 Gary ____, South African golfer who won the British Open in 1959, 1968 and 1974 (6)
26 Country of NE Africa federated with, and for 30 years at war with, Eritrea from 1952 until 1993 (8)

BIG X-WORD

29 & 30 Actor in films including 2018's Terminal and Bohemian Rhapsody (4,5)
31 Edible brown-skinned European flatfish of the plaice family; Microstomus kitt (5,4)
34 & 35 Sri Lanka-born Canadian writer awarded the Golden Man Booker Prize in 2018 for 1992's The English Patient (7,8)
36 2018 action horror film starring Nicolas Cage and Andrea Riseborough (5)
37 Pre-regnal title and given name of Haile Selassie, emperor of 26 Across from 1930-74 (3,6)

DOWN
2 1937 memoir by Danish author Karen Blixen adapted as a film in 1985 (3,2,6)
3 Simultaneous sounding of notes of different pitch, usually three or more in number (5)
4 Jean ____, author of novels including 1966's Wide Sargasso Sea (4)
5 Strong alkaline compound containing washing soda, used for cleaning or stripping paint (5,4)
6 Gradual blending of one area of colour into another that avoids sharp outlines; from Italian, 'to evaporate like smoke' (7)
7 Dagger or short sword carried by Sikh men as a symbol of religious loyalty (6)
8 Lower house of the parliament

of India; from Hindi, 'people's assembly' (3,5)
9 Largest country of Africa, on the Mediterranean coast west of Libya (7)
14 Department in the Occitanie region of SW France; capital, Foix (6)
15 Subdivision of a cavalry squadron or artillery battery about the size of a platoon (5)
18 Genus of bulbous flowering plants of the family Amaryllidaceae that includes onions, leeks, garlic etc. (6)
19 2018 science fiction action film starring Boyd Holbrook, Trevante Rhodes and Olivia Munn (3,8)
21 Metric unit of capacity equal to approximately 0.88 imperial quarts (5)
23 Period of three months, especially as a division of a human pregnancy (9)
24 Large muscle of the cheek that raises the lower jaw when chewing (8)
25 Influential Greek astronomer and geographer of the 2nd century AD; author of the Almagest and Geography (7)
27 Largest borough of Greater London; from Anglo-Saxon, 'glade where broom grows' (7)
28 Successor of Moses who led the Israelites into Canaan (the Promised Land) (6)
32 Princess of Colchis who helped Jason to obtain the Golden Fleece and then married him (5)
33 'Cry 'Havoc!' and let slip the ____ of war' (Shakespeare, Julius Caesar (1599) act 3 sc. 1) (4)

Stuck on the Big X-word? Call 0905 789 4199 to hear today's solutions

*Calls cost 80p per minute plus your telephone company's network access charge.

ARROW WORD

Arrow words are like crosswords, but the clues are printed inside squares on the grid. Write your answers in the blank squares in the direction indicated by the arrows.

Solution next week

WORD SEARCH

Find all the textiles listed below in the grid.

Solution next week

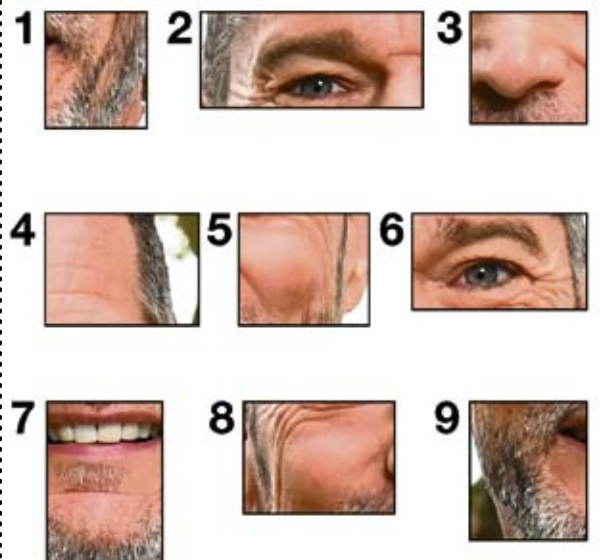
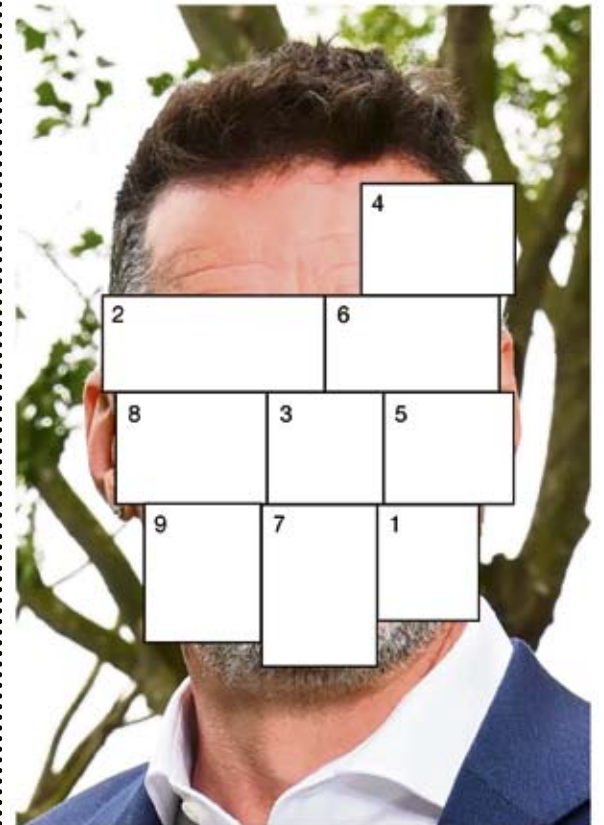
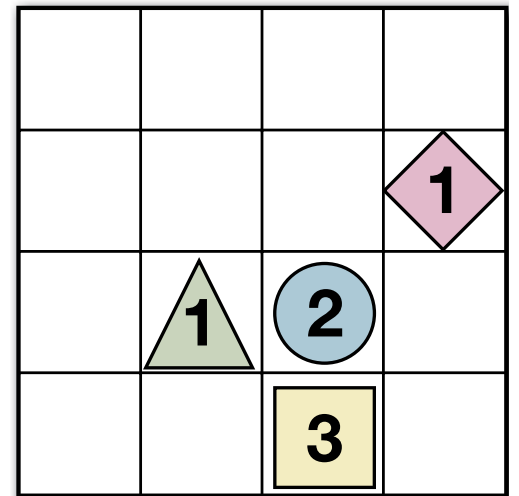
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SUMMIT UP

If the number in each triangle is the sum of the two below, what is the top number?

Solution next week

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**STAR
SKETCH**

Draw the facial features into the numbered boxes above to reveal the celebrity. Share your pictures on X with #DailyStarSketch

Grab your pencils or pens... use colours if you have them, add textures and patterns and make the picture your own.

**COLOUR
ME IN**

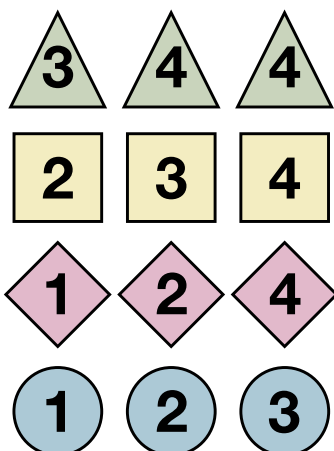
1 An elf, a goblin, a fairy and a wizard walk into a bar. The barman pours their usuals: a glass of rosé, a pint of ale, half a pint of lager and a coffee for the teetotaler. The wizard and the goblin hate beer. The fairy loves beer but can't manage a whole pint. The goblin is caffeine-intolerant, so who has which drink?

2 Which two words meaning 'rug' and 'plait' combine into one meaning 'bed part'?

3 Find the REM songs in these anagrams:
a) Surveyed By Thor,
b) Silly Gnome Origin,
c) Am One Month On.

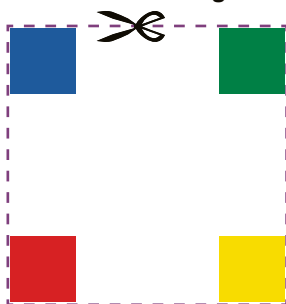
4 At 1pm, the queue for FOOP at Thorpe Towers is 100 long and grows by 1 per minute, except: a) it drops by 20 at 1:15 and every 5 mins after, when FOOP launches. b) it's shorter by 32 when the eel show is on for 10 mins from 1:10 and 1:30. When is the queue shortest before 1:50 and how short is it?

Place the remaining tiles into the grid so that four different numbers and four different shapes appear in each row and column. **Solution next week**



Follow the instructions on the right to make your Barmi Origami.
 Then once you have made it, find a friend and ask them to pick a colour.
 Open the Barmi Origami one way, then the other to spell out the chosen colour (eg: Y E L L O W).
 Ask your friend to choose a number, then open the Barmi Origami one way, then the other to count out the number.
 Finally, choose a number, lift the flap and read out

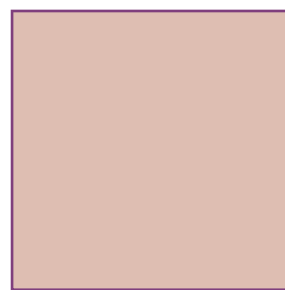
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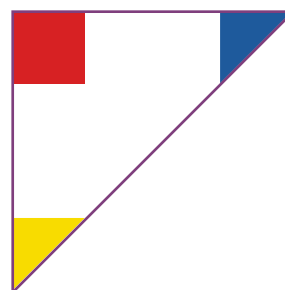
BARMİ ORİGAMI

the words. Your friend must carry out the request. Take care if it is a physical challenge!

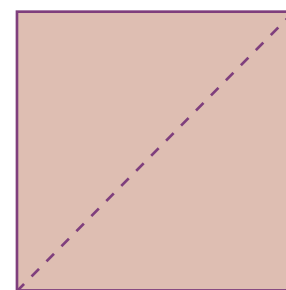
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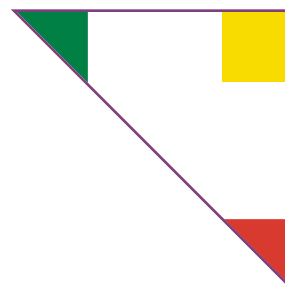
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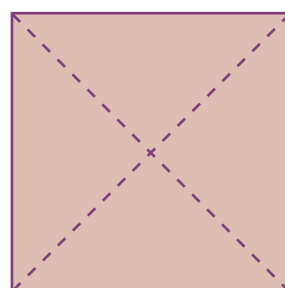
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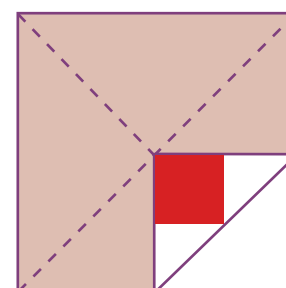
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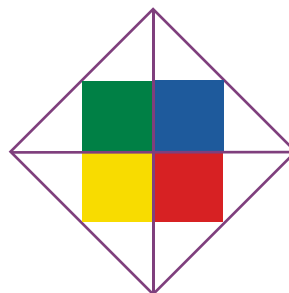
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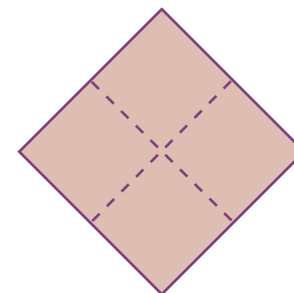
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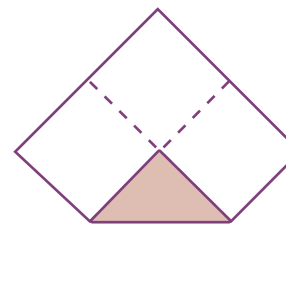
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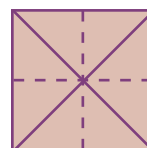
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10. Fold a corner to the centre



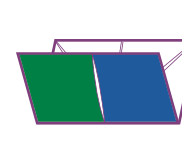
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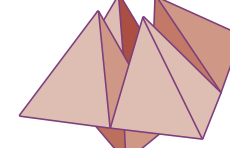
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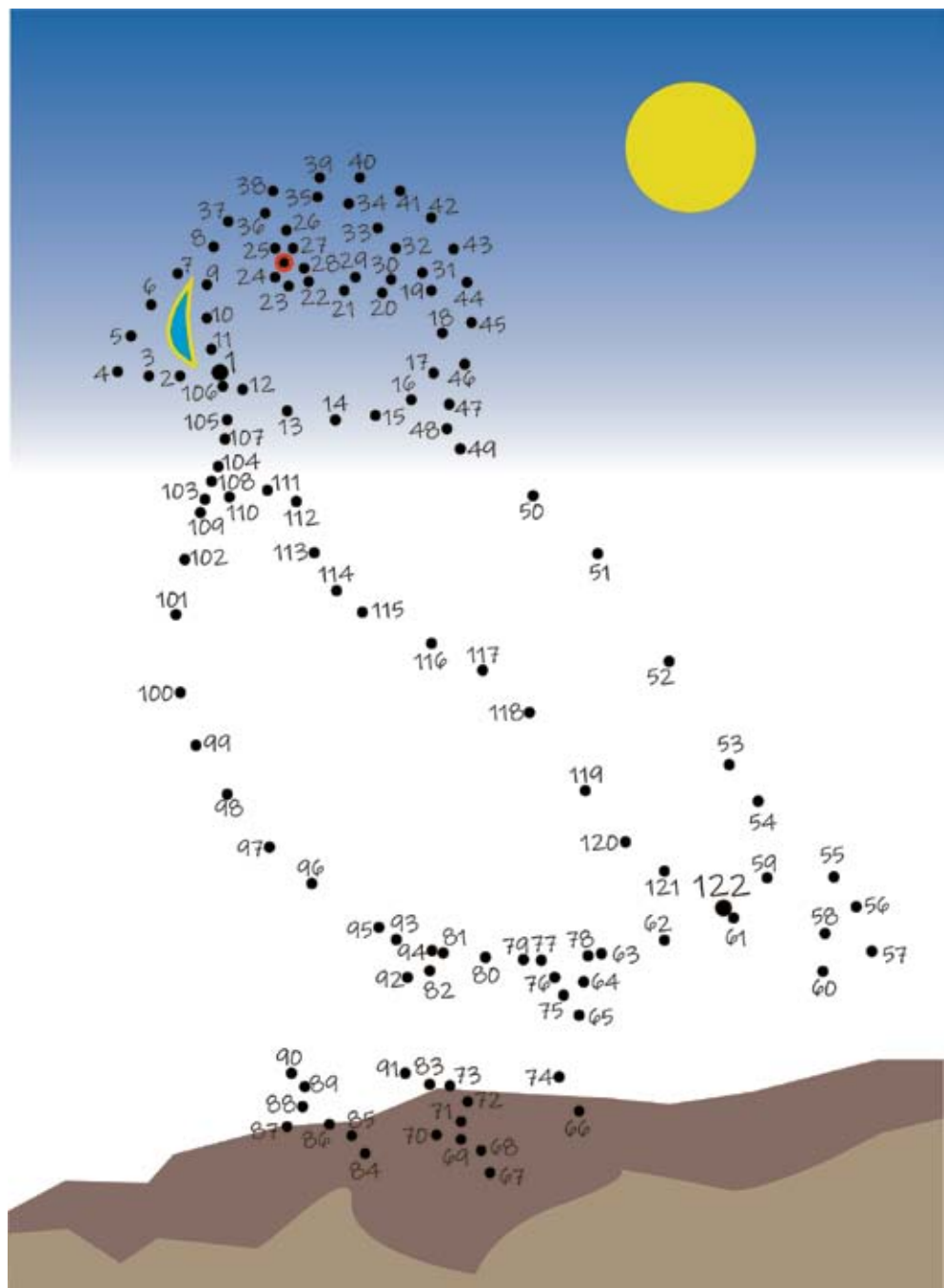
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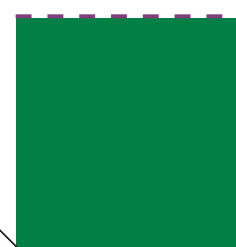









DOT-TO-DOT CHALLENGE

Brush up your fine motor skills by joining up the dots from number 1. Try gliding smoothly from dot to dot without taking your pen or pencil off the paper.

Join the dots to reveal something breathing heavily!



	 Say your next sentence as if you are Pac-Man eating dots	
 How many different gemstones can you name in one breath?		 Pretend that a friend is a scary zombie looking for their next victim
 Learn a fact about sea urchins and tell it to a friend		 Find a discarded bottle and put it in the recycling
 Count all the birds you can see right now	 Name four British cities beginning with S	

DAILY STAR

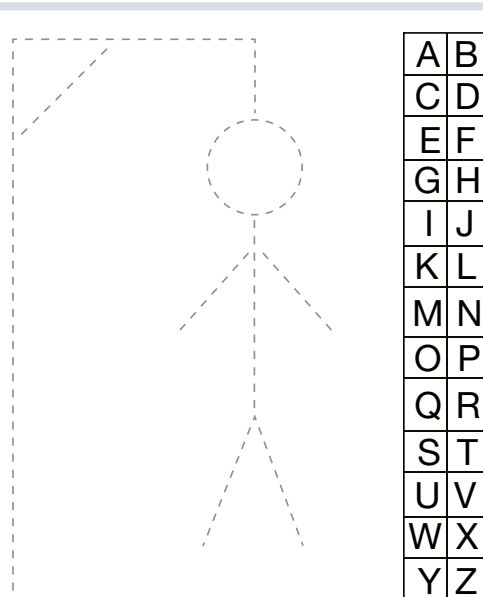
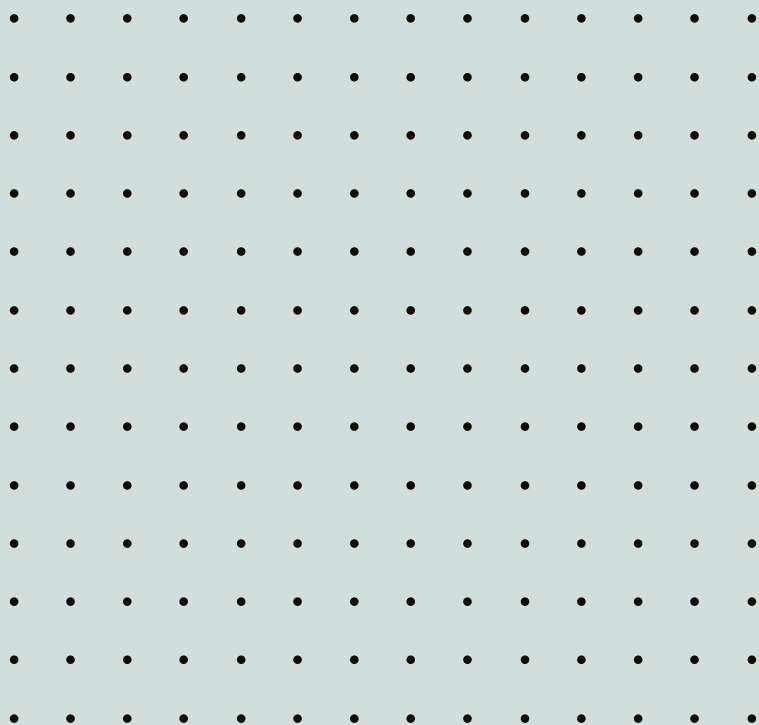
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PUZZLE PLANET

THE INTERACTIVE ZONE

SQUARES

This game requires two or more players. The first player draws a line from any dot to any vertically or horizontally adjacent dot. The next player does the same, and the players continue to take turns drawing lines in this way. The object of the game is to form a square by joining four dots. When a player draws a line that closes a square, she writes her initials inside the square and gets a bonus turn. When all possible lines have been drawn, the player with the most initialled squares is the winner.

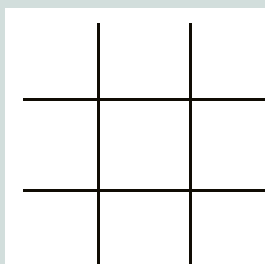
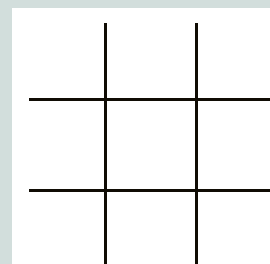
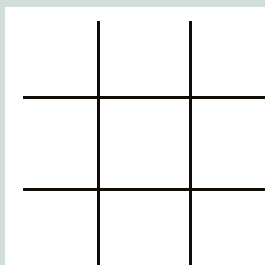
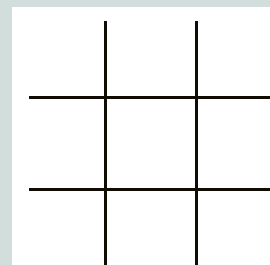
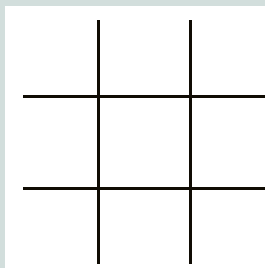


HANGMAN

Think of a **one-word** film title, then in the blue box above, draw dashes to represent the number of letters in the word. Then the person you're playing against starts to guess letters. If the letter is in the word, write it on the corresponding dash. If the letter is not in the word then draw a line on the hangman and cross off the letter on the alphabet chart.

NOUGHTS & CROSSES

A game for two people. Each player takes it in turn to place their **X** or **O** into one of the empty squares in the grid. To win the game get three of your symbols in a line horizontally, vertically or diagonally. Take it in turns to start; best of 5.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

FIND THE CATERPILLAR



WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

4. While he's dancing he knocks the food out of his hands and it falls over the girl's head.

PICTURE QUIZ

A. Deborah Stevenson as Amy Winehouse, **B.** Stanley Baxter as The Queen, **C.** Les Dennis as Marlon Brando, **D.** Faith Brown as Dolly Parton, **E.** Freddie Starr as Edward Scissorhands, **F.** Jon Culshaw as Les Dawson, **G.** Rory Bremner as Gordon Ramsay, **H.** Steve Nallon as Margaret Thatcher, **I.** Janet Brown as Sybil Fawley.

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE



MAGIC EYE PICTURE

Student graduates.

SPOT THE BALL

The ball was in square A-10.

SUDOKU

Easy

1	5	6	8	7	4	2	9	3
9	7	8	3	1	2	6	4	5
2	3	4	5	6	9	1	7	8
6	8	3	2	9	1	4	5	7
4	1	2	7	3	5	8	6	9
7	9	5	4	8	6	3	2	1
8	4	9	1	2	7	5	3	6
3	2	7	6	5	8	9	1	4
5	6	1	9	4	3	7	8	2

Medium

8	7	5	3	9	1	6	2	4
2	3	9	6	5	4	7	8	1
6	4	1	2	7	8	9	5	3
1	9	7	4	2	3	5	6	8
4	5	2	8	6	9	1	3	7
3	8	6	5	1	7	4	9	2
9	1	8	7	3	6	2	4	5
5	6	4	1	8	2	3	7	9
7	2	3	9	4	5	8	1	6

Difficult

2	9	3	8	5	4	6	1	7
5	6	4	3	7	1	8	9	2
7	8	1	6	9	2	5	3	4
9	4	5	1	8	7	3	2	6
6	1	7	4	2	3	9	5	8
8	3	2	9	6	5	4	7	1
4	5	6	2	1	9	7	8	3
1	7	8	5	3	6	2	4	9
3	2	9	7	4	8	1	6	5

MEGA ALPHA PUZZLE

Across: Monoxide, Rain, Affair, Hovers, Other, Epitome, Killjoy, Blast, Twinge, Regain, Pile, Gracious.

Down: Confetti, Whim, Forage, Linger, Fibre, Lozenge, Perhaps, Freak, Privet, Loggia, Pier, Mystique.

SMALL X-WORD

Across: 1 Nautical, 8 Unhurt, 9 Swig, 10 DoH, 11 Tether, 13 Alligator, 15 Ardent, 17 Gap, 18 Each, 19 Idiots, 20 In person.
Down: 1 Nostalgia, 2 As well, 3 Unit, 4 Integrate, 5 Char, 6 Audit, 7 Other than, 12 Poncho, 14 Lupin, 15 Atop, 16 Eats.

PUB QUIZ

1 A fortune-telling machine, 2 Leo Tolstoy, 3 Germany, 4 Stephen Tompkinson, 5 All Saints, 6 A (toy) tiger, 7 Orkney Islands, 8 Willow, 9 Probability, 10 2015, 11 Hertfordshire, 12 Billy

Joel, 13 Dennis Potter, 14 Michael Douglas, 15 Rylan Clark, 16 Swan Lake, 17 Rachel Riley, 18 Cat, 19 1976, 20 In With A Shout, 21 T.S. Eliot, 22 This Is Spinal Tap, 23 Greece, 24 Pink, 25 Brat, 26 The thigh, 27 Maple (or Acer), 28 Canada, 29 Dina Carroll, 30 Belgium.

BIG X-WORD

Across: 1 Old Faithful, 6 Cockle, 9 Sleekit, 10 Ringo Starr, 11 Sardinia, 12 Abuja, 13 Waal, 16 Ashram, 19 Ephraim, 21 Leibovitz, 22 Searching, 23 Mahatma, 24 Peewit, 25 Tana, 26 Brian, 27 Flamenco, 32 Donald Duck, 33 Penfold, 34 Phoebe, 35 Singularity.
Down: 1 Orson Welles, 2 Drey, 3 Ibiza, 4 Fermium, 5 Lanai, 6 Cook, 7 Cate Blanchett, 8 Lord Jim, 14 Lambeth Palace, 15 The Crow, 17 Havarti, 18 Attila, 19 Eocene, 20 Night And day, 23 Murdoch, 24 Pumpkin, 28 Louis, 29 Creel, 30 Adze, 31 Komi.

ARROW WORD

S	C	B	A	L	T
O	T	T	A	S	T
Y	R	T	O	P	U
K	E	E	P	A	T
R	E	B	P	I	A
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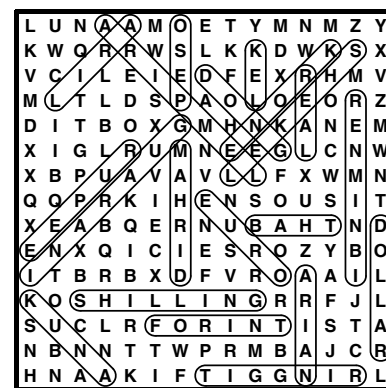
STAR SKETCH

The star is Jake Shears.

DOT TO DOT

A tractor.

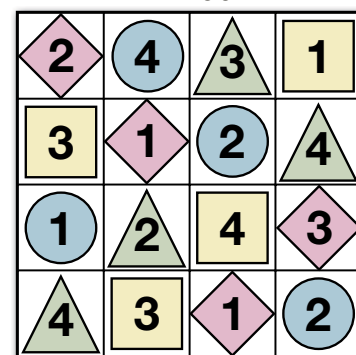
WORD SEARCH



SUMMIT UP

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BRAIN TEASERS

1 Courgettes on Monday, eggs on Tuesday, plums on Wednesday and steaks on Thursday. 2 Col-lapse. 3a) Adriana Lima, b) Reg Presley, c) Dave Franco. 4 The die, with a 4% chance of winning, more than the coin at roughly 3.8%.

**DAILY
STAR****BRITAIN'S NUMBER ONE RACING PULLOUT**IN ASSOCIATION WITH
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ROYAL ASCOT

2024

■ by JASON HEAVEY

MAGICAL mare **INSPIRAL** (4.25) can batter the boys in the Prince Of Wales's Stakes on day two of Royal Ascot.

The five-year-old produced one of her best-ever performances on Ascot's round course in the 2022 Coronation Stakes.

Today she tackles an extra two furlongs but proved her stamina when scoring in the Filly & Mare Turf at the Breeders' Cup in November.

She can give Kieran Shoemark (left) his biggest win since taking over from Frankie Dettori as John and Thady Gosden's rider.

Inspiral can outpoint **Auguste Rodin**, who has conditions to suit and will be fitter for his Leopardstown second in May. **Alflaila** (12-1) is a decent each-way play while **Blue Rose Cen** (also 12-1) is a four-time Group One winner and overpriced.**Heavey's day two tips: P2-3****ROYAL REPEAT:** Inspiral looks set for more Royal Ascot glory today

Kieran can be king on wonder mare

INSPIRAL A SHOE-IN

ROSALLION RAISES THE ROYAL ROOF IN THRILLER

■ by MELISSA JONES

TRAINER Richard Hannon was left struggling for words after Rosallion powered to victory in the St James's Palace Stakes.

The Irish Guineas winner, ridden by Sean Levey, reeled in Henry Longfellow in the dying strides to secure a neck success in what had been billed as the race of Royal Ascot week.

A clearly emotional Hannon said: "We've always thought he was extremely good. He's never let me down."

One in a million: Pages 8-9**LION HEARTED:** Sean Levey and Rosallion after their Royal Ascot victory

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INSPIRAL READY TO BOUNCE BACK

CONNECTIONS of Inspiral are confident their star mare can bounce back to her brilliant best in today's Prince of Wales's Stakes at Royal Ascot.

The John and Thady Gosden-trained five-year-old was sent off 2-1 for last month's Lockinge Stakes but trailed in 13 lengths behind her winning stablemate Audience in fourth place.

But Gosden snr had warned Inspiral would need the run and the trainer is expecting a far better showing in the day-two feature.

And yesterday Chris Richardson, managing director of owners

by MELISSA JONES

Cheveley Park Stud, said he believed the decision to step Inspiral back up to ten furlongs – rather than go for the Queen Anne Stakes – will be proved right.

He said: "It will be exciting to see how she does."

"I think she's ready to step up – that is the indication John has got from her work this spring."

"It's obviously a very good race and Auguste Rodin is there as a worthy favourite. It'll be an exciting race and it's full of class horses."

LISTON SET

2.30 QUEEN MARY STAKES (GROUP 2) CLASS 1 | 5F

BETTY CLOVER can seal a dream success for her breeder, owner and trainer Eve Johnson Houghton (*below*).

The filly is her pride and joy and has dazzled in her three races so far. A sparkling winning debut at Bath (beat Englemere who reopposes today) was followed by a good second at Salisbury.

Betty Clover is by Time Test so may not have been suited by the surface.

However, she bounced back to win a strong renewal of the Marygate at York where she needed every inch of the five furlongs. Today's stiffer track and the fast ground will suit and as

long as she does not get too detached, she should be finishing off as well as anything.

This is ridiculously competitive with Aidan O'Brien's Truly Enchanting, Make Haste, Leovanni, Enchanting Empress, Spherical, Ultima Grace and Xanthe all unbeaten.

The pin almost dropped on Miss Rascal who has a big chance and won easily over the course and distance last month.

Amestris made a big impression with the way she quickened to win by six lengths at Lingfield and is an each-way play.

TIP: BETTY CLOVER
EACH-WAY: Amestris



3.05 QUEEN'S VASE (GROUP 2) CLASS 1 | 1M 6F 34Y

ILLINOIS (nap) looks a tough nut to crack in the Queen's Vase.

Aidan O'Brien (*below*) has four in the contest and Illinois looks the best option based on his second to Ambiente Friendly in the Lingfield Derby Trial.

He did his best work in the final half furlong and pulled clear of Meydaan, who reopposes today, in third place.

He is a big, long striding horse and today's track and extra two furlongs should play to his strengths.

Stablemate Highbury looks a serious player.

The son of Galileo made a huge impression when winning a

Leopardstown maiden by seven lengths on good ground.

The other Ballydoyle runners, Grosvenor Square and The Equator, are no forlorn hopes.

Jess Harrington's Birdman is unbeaten in his two starts and remains an unknown quantity but has attracted support.

But place backers looking for better value may want to consider Chester maiden winner Mina Rashid, who looks to have been laid out for this. His 20-1 price is one to consider with Oisin Murphy in the saddle.

TIP: ILLINOIS
EACH-WAY: Mina Rashid



3.45 DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE STAKES (GROUP 2) CLASS 1 | 7F 213Y

BREEGE has a solid chance of adding a Group Two success to her impressive CV.

John (*below*) and Sean Quinn's filly is a tough, talented and consistent horse who has held her form ever so well.

She gained a first pattern race success at Epsom in the Princess Elizabeth Stakes, which came after a string of near misses.

Breege was second to Coppice in last year's Sandringham and was also touched off at Goodwood in a Group Three.

The straight mile suits her and despite 14 runners this is not a

very deep contest for a Group Two race.

Last year's winner Rogue Millennium is the obvious one to beat and is vying for favouritism with John and Thady Gosden's Laurel.

The latter remains fairly unexposed and has been a talking horse for some time.

Running Lion has plenty of ability and although she was behind Breege at Epsom she did not get the run of the race. At 14-1 she looks the stand-out each-way play in this race.

TIP: BREEGE
EACH-WAY: Running Lion



SONNY DELIGHT: Sonny Liston can give his backers a thrill in the Hunt Cup

Race-by-race guide to day two of Ascot



MIGHTY QUINNS: The Quinn team look set for success with Breege (*left*)

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5.05 ROYAL HUNT CUP (HERITAGE HANDICAP) CLASS 2 | 1M

SONNY LISTON can deliver a knockout blow to his rivals in this cavalry charge.

It is a wonderful betting race with 30 runners thundering down the straight mile.

Sonny Liston ran a corker 12 months ago when he was second to stablemate Jimi Hendrix.

He was nicely clear of the third and went on to run several more solid races.

He returned at Newbury last month to make a mockery of his handicap mark and skip clear of a decent field and today races off 111.

He is 11lb higher than last year's race but these big-field

handicaps suit him and Rossa Ryan (*below*) knows him well.

Wild Tiger appears to be rapidly progressive and is among the market leaders after winning his last two while Beshtani has attracted support after a good second at Epsom.

Bless Him is now 10 but has run well several times in this race. At around 20-1 he is always of each-way interest.

Mirsky is also interesting on his third run for David O'Meara. He has shown plenty of ability and is reunited with Maxime Guyon who won on him when he was trained in France.

TIP: SONNY LISTON
EACH-WAY: Mirsky



5.40 KENSINGTON PALACE STAKES FILLIES' HANDICAP CLASS 2 | 1M

ROARIN' SUCCESS can live up to her name in another devilishly difficult handicap.

Harry Charlton's (*below*) filly is tough and ultra consistent, and has posted two excellent seconds in her two starts this season.

She appears to still be improving and was edged out by the reopposing Twirling at Doncaster.

That filly is shorter in the betting today but Roarin' Success has winning form at Ascot and the straight mile should really suit. She looks good value at around 16-1.

Summer Of Love is the favourite and is the most

unexposed in the race. Two runaway wins at Kempton marked her out as a filly to follow although today is a different ball game.

Ed Bethell's Elim has attracted good support and Jamie Spencer is a notable booking.

Hughie Morrison's Azahara Palace appeals as an each-way play.

She did well last season as a three-year-old but produced a career best at Leicester when she quickened up smartly to win. Silvestre de Sousa is in the plate.

TIP: ROARIN' SUCCESS
EACH-WAY: Azahara Palace



6.15 WINDSOR CASTLE STAKES (LISTED) 5F

PONT NEUF ticks the boxes in another wide open two-year-old race.

Eve Johnson Houghton's gelding is unbeaten in two runs and beat Kassaya giving her plenty of weight at Salisbury last time out.

That was some effort albeit on soft ground and he will need to handle faster surface today.

His trainer describes him as quirky so Pont Neuf will need to deal with the preliminaries but 12-1 holds some appeal.

Aidan O'Brien has his usual strong hand with Treasure Jet and Celtic Chieftain, neither of whom

appeal at the prices, but who both won smartly on their latest runs.

One worth a second look at around 20-1 is Ain't Nobody.

He was very impressive when scoring on his debut at Carlisle and he is among those who may have gone under the radar.

But Kevin Ryan's (*left*) other runner End Of Story is the each-way pick at 50-1. He impressed on debut before a creditable effort at Epsom in the Woodcote and will benefit from dropping back to five furlongs.

TIP: PONT NEUF
EACH-WAY: End Of Story



**4.25 PRINCE OF WALES'S STAKES (GROUP 1)
CLASS 1 | 1M 1F 212Y**
SEE FRONT COVER



CHAMPION: Kyprios

KYP'S ON COURSE FOR GOLD

■ by JASON HEAVEY

KYPRIOS will face nine rivals as he bids to regain his Gold Cup crown at Royal Ascot tomorrow.

Aidan O'Brien's stayer is one of the hottest favourites of the week in the marathon event, a race he won in 2022 to kickstart a run of four successive Group One victories.

He sustained an injury early last season which kept him off the track until the Irish St Leger in September, in which he finished second before being narrowly beaten in the Long Distance Cup on Champions Day.

O'Brien has been thrilled to have an uninterrupted start to this campaign, with Kyprios winning the Vintage Crop Stakes and Saval Beg.

John and Thady Gosden's Gregory is seen as his main threat. Winner of the Queen's Vase last year, he has stepped into the breach to fill the void left by injured stablemate Courage Mon Ami, winner of the race 12 months ago.

The Gosdens also run Trawlerman and Sweet William, while Willie Mullins saddles star hurdler Vauban, who landed a handicap at last year's Royal Ascot.

VAUBAN'S A STAYER

■ by JASON HEAVEY

WILLIE MULLINS has no stamina concerns ahead of Vauban's challenge for tomorrow's Gold Cup.

The six-year-old is already a winner at both Royal Ascot and the Cheltenham Festival, having lifted the Copper Horse Handicap last June and the Triumph Hurdle at in March 2022.

Vauban, who finished second to Giavellotto in the Yorkshire Cup on his first start this year, attempts two and a half miles for the first time but Mullins said: "I don't think it should be any problem to him - I'm happy enough that he has enough stamina. I think he will improve from his last run."



ALL ABOUT EVE: Betty Clover can strike for adoring trainer Eve Johnson Houghton

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IT IS always hard to follow on from the excitement of the first day of action at Royal Ascot.

But the titanic clash we are going to witness in the Prince Of Wales's Stakes will give it a pretty good try.

The 10-furlong contest is headlined by two outstanding performers with last year's Derby winner Auguste Rodin taking on one of the champion milers of recent years in **INSPIRAL (4.25)**.

Both of these horses have shown a preference for the quicker ground that they will be running on today but, in my opinion, it is only going to enhance Inspiral's electric turn of foot.

She may have looked a little laboured when trailing in a distant fourth at Newbury in the Lockinge but in hindsight we should have listened to her joint trainer John Gosden (**above**).

He suggested on the day that she would come on for the run and it

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Page Fuller, lead analyst for RaceIQ, looks at some of the big racing stories with an eye on the data

sounds like it should have put her spot on for this race. The main thing the data tells us is that she is not as slow as she appeared that day.

When she won the Sun Chariot at Newmarket last October, she posted the fastest furlong clocked by any of the 10 declared runners in this contest.

She posted a 10.75 second furlong that day, showing just how much speed she has on quick ground.

Her win at the Breeders' Cup in November should have put any fears to bed about her staying ability too, with her getting up close to home and seeing out the trip with ease.



FLYING HIGH



LIFT-OFF: Zminiature and Silver Sword (**below**) were the first Royal Ascot runners for Dylan Cunha (**left**)



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LIFE'S a beach for Britain's budget trainer Dylan Cunha who is aiming to fly high at Royal Ascot.

The former pilot quit planes during the Covid-19 pandemic to race fast thoroughbreds and has not looked back.

He abandoned plans to work for Ryanair – run by jumps racing giant Michael O'Leary – to forge a successful career in Newmarket.

At a location where there are horses around every corner, South African native Cunha started out with three.

"They cost £11,000 or less and won eight races," said the 44-year-old dad of two.

"It was a challenge to start from scratch here. Then Silver Sword took a £100,000 heritage handicap at York's Ebor meeting and it all spiralled."

The striking grey brought the famous silks of US legend Secretariat back into fashion, purchased at auction by one of his owners Linda Mars.

Cunha, a Group One-

Sky's the limit for ex-pilot Cunha

by **MELISSA JONES**

winning handler with Strategic News in his homeland, has worked overtime to coax his charge to apply himself.

"He refused to race originally and has given me a fair few grey hairs," he said. "Sometimes he goes up the gallop and stops dead. But it has been worth it because our yard grew because of him."

Cunha made his training debut at the meeting yesterday when Zminiature finished down the field in the Coventry before Silver Sword managed a 50-1 eighth in the Wolferton.

The recent inclement weather is worlds away from hot Summerveld, where former

stable lad Cunha first made a name for himself half an hour from Durban. After growing up on a stud farm and going on work experience, he became a trainer and celebrated his biggest success in the 2007 Steinhoff International Summer Cup.

By 2018, the Arsenal fan had put his first passion on hold, partly due to a lack of support at yearling sales and rising costs.

He juggled horses with pilot training and put that into practice with low-cost airline Mango Airlines.

Cunha's dad Luiz, an equine breeding enthusiast, suggested he should go back to his roots – and the Portuguese passport

holder headed to the UK before Brexit.

In 2021 he was among a limited Royal Ascot crowd of 12,000 per day permitted entry with proof of a negative Covid test.

"My dad said I had spent years living out of a bag," Cunha said. "Training again is the hardest thing I have ever done."

"We had to buy horses with hardly any money to spend and find staff, so the wins we have had from them have been amazing."

Sensorium's run in the Windsor Castle Stakes today is Cunha's next reward for the hours he has put in at Phantom House Stables.

"I hope we will get to the next level here," he added. "We have got lots of nice juveniles among the 55 horses with us now."

"Sensorium ran a massive race on debut and I think he will outrun his odds. It will be very different from going as a spectator and really exciting – you can't get a better stage than Ascot."

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VASE SMASHER:
Highbury is a great bet in the Queen's Vase, while Kassaya (left) can show her class in the opening Queen Mary



WELCOME TO HIGHBURY

WILD HUNCH:
Wild Tiger is the pick in the Royal Hunt Cup



KASSAYA (2.30) is bred to be a bit special being a half-sister to former stablemate and 2,000 Guineas hero Chaldean, and she clocked a fast time when scoring on her second start at Nottingham last month.

Oisin Murphy is riding like a man possessed, so the filly must be backed each-way at 14-1 in the opening Queen Mary Stakes run over five furlongs at Royal Ascot.

At the five-day stage of the Queen's Vase run over a mile and six furlongs, Aidan O'Brien was responsible for seven of the 17 entries. Ryan Moore has chosen Illinois but **HIGHBURY (3.05)** hacked up over a mile and a half at Leopardstown in May on only his second start and is being aimed at the Irish Derby after this, so the world's greatest jockey may have made the wrong decision this time.

In the Duke Of Cambridge Stakes run over a mile on the round course for the first time, **ROGUE MILLENNIUM (3.05)** can repeat last year's victory.

Joseph O'Brien's five-year-old was third on her seasonal bow at the Curragh last month, and that spin will have put her cherry-ripe for this. She escapes any

VIEW FROM THE COUCH

By Mark Winstanley



penalties and has a great draw is stall two of 14, so Dylan Browne McMonagle can save vital ground around the home bend.

Having conversed with his trusty lieutenant Frankie Dettori, John Gosden has decided to run **INSPIRAL (4.25)** in the Prince Of Wales's Stakes run over a mile and a quarter.

The only time the mare has run over this trip she got up in the dying strides to snare the Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf at Santa Anita in November. She was badly in need of the run when fourth over a mile in the Lockinge Stakes in May, and she will

strip a lot fitter this afternoon. Inspiral whizzed home by nearly five lengths when taking the Coronation Stakes over the round mile at this meeting in 2022.

With 30 horses stretched across the track in the Royal Hunt Cup run over the straight mile, everyone is playing Jimmy The Guesser when it comes to where the fastest part of the track is located. **WILD TIGER (5.05)** will spring out of stall 20 under the brilliant Oisin Murphy, and this hat-trick-seeking beast will carry my each-way wonga at 10-1.

Saeed Bin Suroor has won this famous cavalry charge twice before, and his lightly raced five-year-old looks ahead of his mark of 98.

ROARIN' SUCCESS (5.40) showed her liking for track and trip when chasing home Two Tempting on May Day, and Harry Charlton's four-year-old can land the Kensington Palace Handicap run over the

straight mile and confined to fillies and mares.

The winner has since won twice, so the form is very solid, and the daughter of Roaring Lion looks well-treated racing off a perch of 85. Snap up the 14-1 with a firm paying five places.

Wathnan Racing have spent a lot of money this season, and they can be rewarded when **SHADOW ARMY (6.15)** captures the Windsor Castle Stakes run over five furlongs.

Richard Fahey had the option of running this son of Showcasing in the Norfolk Stakes tomorrow, but has very wisely decided to run him in this much easier contest.

The youngster made a successful racecourse bow at York in May, and the runner-up has franked the form by obliging in a Listed affair at Chantilly on his next outing. 5-1 is an each-way steal.

Aidan's ace can hit the net in Vase

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STAR TIP

Betty Clover	2.30	Kassaya
Illinois (nap)	3.05	Highbury
Breege	3.45	Running Lion
Inspirale	4.25	Auguste Rodin (nap)
Sonny Liston (treble)	5.05	Beshtani
Roarin' Success (nb)	5.40	Summer Of Love (nb)
Pont Neuf	6.15	End Of Story

JACKPOT AND PLACEPOT FIRST SIX RACES

2.30 QUEEN MARY STAKES (FILLIES' GROUP 2)

Class 1 2YO 5f (26 runners) £85,065

1	(20) ADRESTIA (9)(BF)	S & E Crisford 9 2.....C Shepherd	80
3	(22) AMESTRIS (18)(D,G)	M Bell 9 2.....K Stott	93
21	(15) BETTY CLOVER (33)(D2,G)	E J-Houghton 9 2.....Georgia Dobie	97
121	(25) ENCHANTING EMPRESS (27)(CD,D2,A,G,S)	Raphael Freire 9 2.....David Egan	97
111	(1) ENGLEMER (30)(D2,F,G)	G Boughy 9 2.....Billy Loughnane	92
5	(26) FLASH THE CASH (11)	J Harrington (IRE) 9 2.....S Foley	84
211	(3) FLICKA'S GIRL (42)(BF,D,A)	D Loughnane 9 2.....Rossa Ryan	85
53	(19) GLORIOUS KITTY (33)	M & D Easterby 9 2.....S James	91
142	(21) KASSAYA (17)(D,G)	G Balding 9 2.....O Murphy	91
7	(16) KISS ME MY LOVE (9)(G)	C Johnston 9 2.....J Fanning	82
142	(8) KUWAITYA (35)(D,A)	Alice Haynes 9 2.....K O'Neill	91
8	(10) LEOVANNI (14)(D,F)	K R Burke 9 2.....James Doyle	96
4	(18) MAKE HASTE (39)(D,G)(T)	D Dias (IRE) 9 2.....G M Ryan★100	
9	(4) MAW LAM (11)(BF,D,F)	Adrian Nicholls 9 2.....H Doyle	93
21	(24) MIGHTY ERIU (14)	G Cromwell (IRE) 9 2.....G F Carroll	93
2	(13) MISS LAMAI (33)(D,S)	K R Burke 9 2.....C Lee	95
12	(5) MISS RASCAL (40)(CD,G)	P & O Cole 9 2.....T Marquand	93
61	(14) OXFORD ROCK (22)	J P O'Brien (IRE) 9 2.....D McMonagle	86
18	(6) RUBY'S PROFIT (17)(D,A)(B*)	Dr R Newland & J Insole 9 2.....K Shoemark	83
2	(12) SANDS OF HAVANA (37)	Ollie Sangster 9 2.....T Whelan	82
20	(2) SERAPHIM ANGEL (33)(D,G)(P*)	T Dascombe 9 2.....P-L Jamin	90
3	(23) SPHERICAL (28)(D,G)	R Varian 9 2.....W Buick	90
21	(9) TRULY ENCHANTING (22)(D,S)	A P O'Brien (IRE) 9 2.....R L Moore	99
416	(17) ULTIMA GRACE (62)(D,A)(B*)	W A Ward (USA) 9 2.....J Rosario	88
22	(7) WHERE'S CLARE (15)(D,A)	C Johnston 9 2.....J Hart	87
1	(11) XANTHE (39)(CD,G)	R Hannon 9 2.....P Dobbs	90

Star Betting: 4 Make Haste, 6 Leovanni, Truly Enchanting, 8 Miss Rascal, Ultima Grace, 12 Enchanting Empress, 14 Mighty Eriu, Betty Clover, Kassaya, 16 others. 2023: Crimson Advocate 9 2, J Velazquez 9-1 (G Weaver), drawn (28), 26 ran. STARFORM: MISS RASCAL DANGER: Leovanni

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3.05 QUEEN'S VASE (GROUP 2)

Class 1 3YO 1m 6f (12 runners) £150,282

1	(7) BIRDMAN (32)(S)	J Harrington (IRE) 9 2.....S Foley	107
11	(6) GROSVENOR SQUARE (42)(BF,S)	A P O'Brien (IRE) 9 2.....D McMonagle	113
2	(2) HIGHBURY (38)(G)	A P O'Brien (IRE) 9 2.....W M Lordan	105
131-3	(5) ILLINOIS (39)(BF,S)	A P O'Brien (IRE) 9 2.....R L Moore★114	
31	(9) IMPERIAL SOVEREIGN (39)(A)	K R Burke 9 2.....C Lee	104
4	(4) LAVENDER HILL MOB (25)(A,S)	M Bell 9 2.....C Shepherd	103
13-32	(8) MEYDAAN (25)(A,G)	S & E Crisford 9 2.....W Buick	109
5	(12) MINA RASHID (40)(F)(H)	A Balding 9 2.....O Murphy	98
1-26	(1) MR HAMPSTEAD (18)	D F Davis 9 2.....David Egan	96
6	(11) PAPPANO (25)(A)	J & T Gosden 9 2.....K Shoemark	97
133014	(3) SEE THE GREEN (27)(S)	Owen Burrows 9 2.....J Crowley	89
7	(10) THE EQUATOR (24)(S)	A P O'Brien (IRE) 9 2.....D McDonogh	106
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Star Betting: 2 Illinois, 7-2 Highbury, 9-2 Birdman, 7 Grosvenor Square, 8 Meydaan, 12 The Equator, 20 Mina Rashid, 25 Imperial Sovereign, 33 others. 2023: Gregory 9 2, Frankie Dettori Evens Fav (J & T Gosden), drawn (8), 14 ran. STARFORM: BIRDMAN DANGER: Highbury

3.45 DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE STAKES (FILLIES' & MARES' GROUP 2)

Class 1 1m (14 runners) £133,467

1	(12) OCEAN JEWEL (24)(D,G)(H)	W McCreery (IRE) 4 9 5.....W J Lee	113
3150-1	(13) BREEGE (18)(F,G)(P*)	J & S Quinn 4 9 2.....J Hart	112
2	(6) DOOM (44)(F,S)	W Haggas 4 9 2.....T Marquand	106
3	(14) GREGARINA (44)(D2,G,S)(H)	J P O'Brien (IRE) 5 9 2.....W Buick	108
L141-3	(5) JULIA AUGUSTA (18)(D2,A,G)	D O'Meara 5 9 2.....D Tudhope	107
4	(1) LAUREL (396)(D3,A,F)	J & T Gosden 5 9 2.....R L Moore	119
2050-1	(3) MAGICAL SUNSET (25)(F,S)	A Murray (IRE) 4 9 2.....David Egan	103
24-544	(8) NIBRAS ANGEL (6)(F,G)(T)	I Mohammed 4 9 2.....K Stott	99
6	(7) NOVUS (46)(D,S)(P)	G & J Moore 4 9 2.....T P Queally	116
12/10-	(4) ORCHID BLOOM (24)(D,S)(T*)	W Haggas 4 9 2.....C Fallon	111
7	(2) ROGUE MILLENNIUM (24)(BF,CD,F,G)	J P O'Brien (IRE) 5 9 2.....D McMonagle★120	
L0-540	(9) ROYAL DRESS (18)(D,S)(H)	J Tate 4 9 2.....B M Coen	110
8	(11) RUNNING LION (18)(BF,D3,A,S)	J & T Gosden 4 9 2.....O Murphy	115
436006	(10) SEA THE LADY (52)(D,G,S)	C H Head (FR) 4 9 2.....Aurelien Lemaitre	113
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Star Betting: 5-2 Laurel, 10-3 Rogue Millennium, 15-2 Ocean Jewel, 8 Royal Dress, Breege, 12 Sea The Lady, Running Lion, 16 Doom, Novus, Orchid Bloom, Gregarina, 33 others. 2023: Rogue Millennium 4 9 2, Daniel Tudhope 10-1 (Tom Clover), drawn (7), 10 ran. STARFORM: ROGUE MILLENNIUM DANGER: Breege

Best bets for today's TV action from our experts

BLUE ROSE CEN (4.25) has won a hatful of Group Ones and looks way overpriced to bag another in today's Prince Of Wales's Stakes.

Auguste Rodin and Inspirale are the headline acts, but the French raider is a star in her own right and was a touch unlucky not to land a fifth top-level victory last time in the Prix D'Isphahan.

She had no luck in running in that slowly run affair and will be better suited by a stronger gallop over today's 1m2f, which is her best trip.

The ground should be fine and trainer Maurizio Guarnieri (*above*) has

thrown in Snobbish to help with the pace, so it's all set fair for a big run.

Illinois and Highbury hold major claims in the Queen's Vase, but fellow Irish raider **BIRDMAN**

(3.05) makes more appeal at the odds.

Jessica Harrington's colt had Highbury behind when an impressive debut winner and showed stamina was a strong suit by following up at Listed level over 1m5f next time.

Keep it simple in the Duke Of Cambridge Stakes with last year's winner **ROGUE**

MILLENNIUM (3.45). She looked as good as ever on

her return when unlucky in a Curragh Group Two and this test – on the round course this year – should see her at her best again.

Hamad Al Jehani can saddle his first UK winner on the biggest stage of all with **BESHTANI (5.05)** in the Royal Hunt Cup.

Wathnan Racing's French import looked like a well-treated animal when touched off by Two Tempting at Epsom, with the pair clear. The winner had the run of the race and has won again since, so the form is strong.

HOPEFUL (5.40) gets the vote in a wide-open Kensington Palace Stakes. She has travelled like a good filly in two handicap starts and is dangerously unexposed on turf.



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4.25 PRINCE OF WALES'S STAKES (GROUP 1) Class 1 1m 2f (10 runners) £567,100

1	(2) ALFALAILA (284)(C,D,F,G)	11/15-	Owen Burrows 5 9 2	J Crowley 125
2	(3) AUGUSTE RODIN (24)(BF,D,F,G,S)	L11-L2	A P O'Brien (IRE) 4 9 2	R L Moore 131
3	(6) HANS ANDERSEN (24)(A,G,S)	0L-156	A P O'Brien (IRE) 4 9 2	W M Lordan 114
4	(7) HORIZON DORE (24)(D4,G,S)	0-4252	P Cottier (FR) 4 9 2	M Barzalona 125
5	(5) LORD NORTH (54)(CD,D3,A,G,S)	11-203	J & T Gosden 8 9 2	W Buick 122
6	(1) ROYAL RHYME (27)(D4,G,S)(T)	0115-1	K R Burke 4 9 2	C Lee 125
7	(9) SNOBBISH (33)(D,A)	21-L0	M Guarnieri (ITY) 4 9 2	Fabien Lefebvre 95
8	(8) ZARAKEM (52)(D3,G,S)	116-10	J Reynier (FR) 4 9 2	M Guyon 122
9	(4) BLUE ROSE CEN (24)(D2,G,S)	1451-5	M Guarnieri (ITY) 4 8 13	C Soumillon 125
10	(10) INSPIRAL (32)(BF,C,D,F,G)	L111-4	J & T Gosden 5 8 13	K Shoemark★133

Star Betting: 5-4 Auguste Rodin, 5-2 Inspiral, 6 Horizon Dore, 10 Blue Rose Cen, Alfalaila, 20 Zarakem, Royal Rhyme, 25 Lord North, 100 others.
2023: Mostahdaf 5-2, Jim Crowley 10-1 (J & T Gosden), drawn (6), 6 ran.
STARFORM: BLUE ROSE CEN DANGER: Inspiral

5.05 ROYAL HUNT CUP (HERITAGE HANDICAP) (STR) Class 2 1m (31 runners) £90,195

1	(19) SONNY LISTON (32)(D,G)	5426-1	R Beckett 5 9 13	Rossa Ryan 113
2	(16) SEAN (18)(D2,G)	-42364	J Osborne 7 9 10	S Osborne 112
3	(7) KINGDOM COME (49)(A)	-23124	C Cox 5 9 9	R Kingscote 114
4	(23) HOLLOWAY BOY (60)(BF,C,F)	/04-43	K R Burke 4 9 7	S James 110
5	(5) STREETS OF GOLD (39)(F,G,S)	3L5-06	E J-Houghton 4 9 6	C Bishop 114
6	(9) BESHTANI (19)(D2,A,G)(P)	1121-2	H Al Jehani (UAE) 4 9 6	James Doyle 118
7	(24) RAADOBARG (53)(D3,F,S)(P,T)	30-30L	G Boughey 6 9 5	David Egan 119
8	(17) PEROTTO (312)(CD2,D,F,G)(H)	00101-	R Varian 6 9 3	T Marquand 112
9	(29) REAL GAIN (60)(D,A,F)	1315-0	R Hughes 4 9 3	W Buick 115
10	(11) TALIS EVOLVERE (32)(D3,A,G)	12L133	R Hannon 4 9 2	J Leavy (5) 114
11	(22) COEUR D'OR (26)(D,A,G)(T)	1100-0	D K Weld (IRE) 8 9 2	C D Hayes 114
12	(28) BLESS HIM (11)(CD2,D3,A,F)(H)	050-30	D M Simcock 10 9 2	J P Spencer 115
13	(15) PADISHAKH (88)(D,G)	0250-6	D O'Meara 4 9 2	S M Levey 112
14	(14) THE GATEKEEPER (88)(CD,D,A,G,S)	1041-0	C Johnston 5 9 2	N Callan 113
15	(12) ROPEY GUEST (39)(D2,A,F,G)(V)	1062-5	G Margaron 7 9 2	T P Queally 114
16	(1) AERION POWER (17)(D3,A,F,G)	343-L1	Sir M Stoute (5lb ex) 6 9 2	R L Moore 111
17	(27) BLUE FOR YOU (19)(D3,G,S)(V)	L00-40	D O'Meara 6 9 1	D Tudhope 111
18	(3) THUNDER BALL (47)(D,G,S)(B)	01-04L	P & O Cole 4 9 1	Alec Voikhansky (3) 116
19	(13) SILENT FILM (57)(D2,A,G)	41-203	I Williams 6 9 0	DOUBTFUL 115
20	(20) WILD TIGER (26)(A,G)(P)	1/2411	S bin Suroor 5 9 0	O Murphy 118
21	(2) MIRSKY (34)(D2,G,S)	L00-50	D O'Meara 5 8 13	M Guyon 112
22	(30) FANTASTIC FOX (19)(D5,A,F,S)	-31305	R Varian 6 8 13	A Keeley (3) 114
23	(8) METAL MERCHANT (32)(CD,D2,A,G)	210-12	J Channon 4 8 13	D Probert 113
24	(10) DAYSOFURLIVES (31)(CD,D,A,G)(V*)	131-32	M Botti 4 8 13	L Morris 114
25	(4) TEMPUS (32)(CD2,D5,A,F,G,S)(B*)	2-4500	A Watson 8 8 12	K Shoemark★120
26	(26) IMPERIAL FIGHTER (4)(S)(H,T)	004-00	J Osborne 5 8 11	C Shepherd 111
27	(18) KING'S CODE (4)(D4,A,F,G,S)(V)	400204	P Evans 4 8 9	S De Sousa 115
28	(25) DUTCH DECOY (19)(D4,A,F,G)	-02200	C Johnston 7 8 9	J Fanning 116
29	(31) REGHEEB (27)(D,A,S)	150-23	A Watson 4 8 8	H Doyle 114
30	(21) ELDRICK JONES (33)(BF,D,A,F)	15-210	R Fell & S Murray 5 8 8	Billy Loughnane 116
31	(32) CRACK SHOT (27)(BF,D3,F,G)	510-14	E Walker 4 8 8	M Barzalona 115

Star Betting: 8 Wild Tiger, 10 Real Gain, Beshtani, 12 Sonny Liston, Coeur d'Or, 14 Metal Merchant, Bless Him, Holloway Boy, Tempus, The Gatekeeper, Streets Of Gold, 16 others.
2023: Jimi Hendrix 4 9 5, Rossa Ryan 22-1 (R Beckett), drawn (7), 30 ran.
STARFORM: BESHTANI DANGER: Streets Of Gold

TRACKFACTS Right-handed galloping track of 1m 6f, straight mile, stiff uphill finish. Stalls today Straight Centre; Round Inside.

TOP TRAINERS (with runners) J & T Gosden 41 winners, (14.9% strike rate), -£30.43, A Balding 34, (10.7%), -£69.05, W Haggas 30, (13.7%), -£65.82, R Varian 26, (12.4%), -£13.04, A P O'Brien 22, (9.7%), -£98.20, R Hannon 19, (7.0%), +£25.56, E Walker 17, (14.3%), -£19.59, C Cox 15, (10.1%), +£107.51, K R Burke 11, (12.9%), +£29.76, R Beckett 11, (8.0%), -£49.10, E J-Houghton 10, (11.9%), +£0.70, Owen Burrows 9, (22.0%), +£30.45, Sir M Stoute 9, (9.1%), -£57.72, A Watson 9, (7.4%), -£22.00, D O'Meara 8, (5.0%), +£4.83, S bin Suroor 8, (11.1%), -£4.42, I Williams 7, (7.0%), +£29.38, J Harrington 6, (17.1%), +£27.00, P Evans 6, (24.0%), +£40.50, S & E Crisford 5, (9.4%), -£28.75.

TOP JOCKEYS (with mounts) Ryan Moore 35 winners, (12.8% strike rate), -£87.99, Jim Crowley 31, (14.4%), +£0.30, Oisín Murphy 27, (12.1%), -£57.42, William Buick 26, (12.0%), -£8.04, Tom Marquand 21, (8.8%), -£10.64, Hollie Doyle 18, (10.8%), +£53.96, Daniel Tudhope 16, (10.6%), +£44.50, James Doyle 14, (7.3%), -£97.25, Rossa Ryan 13, (11.4%), +£142.00, David Probert 12, (8.5%), -£55.30, Saffie Osborne 12, (15.6%), +£24.08, Kieran Shoemark 11, (10.4%), -£15.40, David Egan 9, (6.4%), -£77.84, Pat Dobbs 9, (7.8%), -£6.78, Cieren Fallon 9, (11.8%), -£12.67, Neil Callan 9, (17.3%), +£75.83, Charles Bishop 8, (11.1%), -£4.80, Joe Fanning 7, (12.5%), +£3.25, Jamie Spencer 7, (5.6%), +£36.25, Kevin Stott 6, (9.7%), -£11.40.

5.40 KENSINGTON PALACE STAKES FILLIES' HANDICAP (STR) Class 2 1m (25 runners) £56,694

1	(24) VILLANOVA QUEEN (24)(CD,D,G)(P)	006-46	J Harrington (IRE) 5 9 12	S Foley 98
2	(22) ADELAISE (74)(D,A)	5245-1	J P O'Brien (IRE) 5 9 10	W Buick 100
3	(8) MAMMAS GIRL (24)(G)	640-6L	A Murray (IRE) 4 9 9	David Egan 102
4	(7) MYSTIC PEARL (39)(D,G)(T)	3-6463	W Haggas 4 9 9	T Marquand 101
5	(15) VETIVER (39)(D,G,S)(H,T)	135-06	A Balding 4 9 8	O Murphy 103
6	(17) CELL SA BEELA (39)(C,G)	0031-L	R Varian 4 9 7	James Doyle 101
7	(1) FAKHAMA (309)(BF,S)	142-	W Haggas 4 9 5	C Fallon 93
8	(14) TWIRLING (19)(D3,A,G)(T)	13-031	S & E Crisford 4 9 4	R L Moore 106
9	(4) BACK SEE DAA (323)(D,G)	/2166-	K R Burke 4 9 3	C Lee 101
10	(18) KARSAVINA (26)(S)	0645-0	J P O'Brien (IRE) 4 9 2	D McMonagle 103
11	(10) SUMMER OF LOVE (14)(A)	41-1	S bin Suroor 4 9 0	C Soumillon 101
12	(2) FARHH TO SHY (17)(CD,F,G,S)	3-0060	G Margaron 6 9 0	T P Queally 101
13	(16) ROWAYEH (46)(D2,F,G)	1136-0	Owen Burrows 4 8 13	J Crowley 103
14	(23) CANOODLED (19)(D2,G,S)	40-000	E Walker 6 8 11	L Morris 98
15	(9) MOONSPIRIT (21)(D3,A,G)(P,T*)	311-64	G Boughey 4 8 11	Billy Loughnane 105
16	(21) DOHA (26)(BF,D,S)	341-2	R Beckett 4 8 11	H Crouch 104
17	(19) ROARIN' SUCCESS (19)(CD,A,G)	L3L-22	Harry Charlton 4 8 11	T Whelan 106
18	(20) HOPEFUL (32)(D,A)	4/1523	A Balding 4 8 10	M Barzalona 107
19	(11) RAJINDRI (28)(A,G)	012-21	Tom Clover 4 8 10	K Shoemark 108
20	(13) ELIM (30)(BF,D2,A,G)	/211-4	E Bethell 4 8 9	J P Spencer 102
21	(12) MOTHER MARY (15)(S)(P*)	23-004	R Hughes 4 8 7	G Rooke 107
22	(25) AZAHARA PALACE (23)(D4,F,G)	2156-1	H Morrison 4 8 7	S De Sousa 106
23	(6) AURORA DAWN (26)(F,G)	121-56	E Walker 4 8 7	S Osborne 106
24	(3) CIARA PEARL (8)(D2,A,S)	-11156	D & C Kubler 4 8 4	Jack Doughty (5) 103
25	(5) VICTORIA FALLS (8)(D2,A,G,S)(V)	20-022	H Palmer 5 8 2	C Planas (3)★109

LONG HANDICAP: Victoria Falls 8-1.
Star Betting: 7 Summer Of Love, 8 Twirling, Doha, 10 Elim, Fakhama, 12 Mystic Pearl, Rowayeh, Adelaide, 14 others.

2023: Villanova Queen 4 9 10, Colin Keane 25-1 (J Harrington), drawn (8), 19 ran.

STARFORM: HOPEFUL DANGER: Doha

6.15 WINDSOR CASTLE STAKES (LISTED) Class 1 2YO 5f (28 runners) £62,381

1	(27) AIN'T NOBODY (19)(D,S)	K Ryan 9 5	J P Spencer 90
2	(20) ARABIAN COBRA (13)	H Palmer 9 5	D Probert 86
3	(5) ARTAGNAN (14)(BF)	K R Burke 9 5	W Buick 88
4	(24) BRETTON WOOD (23)(B*)	James Owen 9 5	S De Sousa 78
5	(7) BROSAY (22)(D,S)	D Dias (IRE) 9 5	G M Ryan 91
6	(9) CALYXOH (15)(BF)	J Chapple-Hyam 9 5	Billy Loughnane 81
7	(12) CELTIC CHIEFTAIN (11)(D,G)	A P O'Brien (IRE) 9 5	W M Lordan 93
8	(1) CHEVAL DE GUERRE (55)(T*)	E Kenneally (USA) 9 5	O Murphy 90
9	(2) END OF STORY (19)(D,S)	K Ryan 9 5	K Stott 85
10	(3) FUJI MOUNTAIN (17)	D Carroll 9 5	C Shepherd 85
11	(26) GABALDON (39)(D,G)(B*,T*)	J D Angelo (USA) 9 5	Emisael Jaramillo 87
12	(18) HAWAIIAN (27)(BF,D,S)	R Hannon 9 5	S M Levey 94
13	(4) HONORARY AMERICAN (26)(BF)(B*)	W A Ward (USA) 9 5	J Rosario 78
14	(21) JM JHINGREE (11)(D,S)	J & S Quinn 9 5	J Hart 85
15	(11) KARL CARLSTON (35)(BF)	Raphael Freire 9 5	Rossa Ryan 74
16	(23) POINT NEUF (34)(D2,A,S)	E J-Houghton 9 5	C Bishop 89
17	(13) REPOSADO (27)	Raphael Freire 9 5	David Egan 91
18	(19) ROCK N ROLL ROCKET (22)(D,G)	J Harrington (IRE) 9 5	S Foley 91
19	(28) RUDI'S APPLE (21)	J P O'Brien (IRE) 9 5	D McMonagle 79
20	(8) SENSORIUM (25)	D Cunha 9 5	R Clutterbuck 74
21	(14) SEX ON FIRE (49)(D,A)	R Spencer 9 5	T Marquand 89
22	(6) SHADOW ARMY (35)(D,G)	R Fahey 9 5	James Doyle 92
23	(25) SIR YOSHI (21)(D,S)	D Marnane (IRE) 9 5	L T McAteer 90
24	(15) TREASURE ISLE (31)(D,G)	A P O'Brien (IRE) 9 5	R L Moore★97
25	(17) VINGEGAARD (36)(D,S)	A Watson 9 5	H Doyle 82
26	(16) WEISSMULLER (17)	A Watson 9 5	L Morris 79
27	(10) ZABEEL ROAD (35)(D,G)	C Johnston 9 5	J Fanning 84
28	(22) AVIATION TIME (11)(A)	R Hughes 9 0	D Tudhope 87

Star Betting: 4 Treasure Isle, 5 Shadow Army, 6 Celtic Chieftain, 8 Hawaiian, Gabaldon, 12 Honorary American, Cheval De Guerre, Pont Neuf, 16 others.

2023: Big Evs 9 5, Jason Hart 20-1 (M Appleby), drawn (19), 23 ran.
STARFORM: SHADOW ARMY DANGER: Gabaldon

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BEATEN two and a half lengths by Big Rock last year and not disgraced in the French Derby, **PADISHAKH (5.05)** gets a chance to run off a mark of 100 in the Royal Hunt Cup – and more importantly to race on top of the ground.

All his best form in France was on a nice surface and David O'Meara (*right*) expects a vastly improved performance than his sixth in the Doncaster Mile on soft turf.

I fancy a nice chunk of the 40-1 with William Hill, especially with six places on offer in this cavalry charge.

The Queen's Vase is not the stamina test it used to be. **MINA RASHID**

(3.05) only won a Chelmsford maiden last time out but promises to relish the extra two furlongs of this Group Two, so the 12-1 available with William Hill looks more than acceptable.

With 25 runners set to go to post, the Kensington Palace Stakes looks a difficult race to decipher. Likely favourite Summer of Love is highly progressive but

makes her turf debut here, so I think that Kempton winner **ADELAISE (5.40)** fits the bill.

Quicker ground is the question mark but she has an action that suggests she will handle it and at 16-1 (paying five places) she looks the call with William Hill.



ONE IN A MILLION

Hannon chokes back tears as miler stars

RICHARD HANNON was on the brink of tears as Rosallion thundered to victory in a thrilling St James's Palace Stakes.

Well-backed at 5-2, Sean Levey's battling partner had to work overtime to reel in Henry Longfellow... but persistence paid off.

In a few nervy moments for his supporters, Rosallion was locked in a pocket behind the eventual runner-up and his pace-setting stablemate Unquestionable.

But the gap opened and the second favourite needed no second invitation to erode the deficit, eventually getting ahead of his rival by a neck.

Rosallion finished second to Notable Speech, who trailed home seventh, in Newmarket's 2,000 Guineas before he gained Curragh compensation in the Irish equivalent.

"It's great to be part of a race like that. To win it is one of the most satisfying moments I've had," said Hannon, whose horse had French Classic hero Metropolitan back in third.

"Physically he looks like superman, he's just a beautiful horse to see every day - that's what we do this job for. When you work him he does it so easily, whoever is on him looks like they are riding a motorbike.

"Racing gives us a lot of disappointments and without them these days wouldn't be so amazing - this is worth everything."

Of Notable Speech, Charlie Appleby said: "Will said when he pulled him out and asked him to pick up, he didn't. We'll see if anything comes out in the wash."

Asfoora (5-1) finished fastest to become the sixth Australian-trained horse to take the King Charles III Stakes. With Oisín

by **MELISSA JONES**

Murphy aboard, Asfoora was cheered by around 50 of Henry Dwyer's support crew, as their mare got the better of Regional.

"It's such a gamble bringing her over and it is such an expensive trip. Hopefully we've paid our way today," said the trainer, who stables less than that number of horses in his homeland.

"This meeting brings the best of the best from around the world together and who would have thought I would get to meet King Charles - it's amazing."

Grey miler Charyn and Silvestre de Sousa dominated by two-and-a-quarter lengths in the opening Queen Anne Stakes.

"He seems to have found another level of form this year," said Roger Varian about the 100-30 favourite.



AD FEATURE: Adelaide can make her presence felt in the Kensington Palace Stakes

Paul Jacobs tips as Moorestyle in our sister paper the Daily Star Sunday and has won the Racing Post Naps Table five times...



GREY POWER: Charyn wins the Queen Anne Stakes

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SUPER SEAN: Sean Levey is all smiles, left, on Rosallion. Inset above Asfoora and Oisín Murphy



STAYING POWER: Pledgeallegiance wins the Ascot Stakes over 2m 4f yesterday

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

ROYAL ASCOT

2.30: 1, **CHARYN** (S De Sousa 10-3 fav); 2, **Docklands** (10-1); 3, **Maljoom** (15-2). 2/4l. 13 ran. R Varian. Tote: £4.34; pl £1.70, £3.70, £2.85. Exacta: £37.00. Tricast: £243.89. Trifecta: £202.60. CSF: £34.26. NR: Royal Scotsman.

3.05: 1, **RASHABAR** (Billy Loughnane 80-1); 2, **Electrolyte** (40-1); 3, **Columnist** (50-1); 4, **Cool Hoof Luke** (40-1). 4-1 fav Camille Pissarro. ns, hd, 1/2l. 22 ran. B Meehan. Tote: £129.90; pl £18.35, £7.95, £11.90, £3.30. Exacta: £4210.60. Tricast: £63273.26. Trifecta: £122667.10. CSF: £2007.95. NR: Andesite.

3.45: 1, **ASFOORA** (O Murphy 5-1); 2, **Regional** (6-1); 3, **Big Eys** (11-4 fav); 4, **Believing** (9-1). 1l, 1/2l, shd. 17 ran. Henry Dwyer. Tote: £6.00; pl £2.00, £2.55, £1.35. Exacta: £40.00. Tricast: £104.09. Trifecta: £152.00. CSF: £32.20.

4.25: 1, **ROSALLION** (S M Levey 5-2); 2, **Henry Longfellow** (11-2); 3, **Metropolitan** (20-1). 6-4 fav Notable Speech. nk. 3l. 8 ran. R Hannan. Tote: £3.60; pl £3.60, £1.30, £1.60. Exacta: £17.10. Tricast: £205.99. Trifecta: £1111.10. CSF: £15.20.

5.05: 1, **PLEDGEALLEGIANCE** (L Morris 20-1); 2, **Divine Comedy** (8-1); 3, **Kyle Of Lochalsh** (12-1); 4, **Get Shirty** (33-1). 9-2 fav Zandabad. 1/2l. 2/4l. 1/2l. 20 ran. Sir M Prescott. Tote: £22.00; pl £4.10, £7.10, £5.05. Exacta: £206.20. Tricast: £2053.82. Trifecta: £2159.40. CSF: £166.68.

5.40: 1, **ISRAR** (J Crowley 11-4 jfav); 2, **Haunted Dream** (14-1); 3, **Torito** (7-2). 11-4 jfav Botanical. 3/4l, shd. 15 ran. J & T Gosden. Tote: £3.75; pl £1.35, £3.55, £1.80. Exacta: £33.40. Tricast: £143.75. Trifecta: £188.90. CSF: £39.78. NR: Certain Lad.

6.15: 1, **BELLOCCIO** (W Buick 4-1); 2, **Lmay** (40-1); 3, **My Mate Mozzie** (12-1); 4, **Alsakib** (11-2). 7-2 fav A Piece Of Heaven. 1/4l, shd. 1/4l. 16 ran. W P Mullins. Tote: £5.70; pl £2.20, £11.40, £4.90. Exacta: £210.90. Tricast: £1821.77. Trifecta: £3244.60. CSF: £173.28.

JACKPOT: Not won, pool of £22,465.65 carried over.

QUADPOT: £25.70

PLACEPOT: £5,406.40

BEVERLEY

6.05: 1, **PAP'S TURF** (Mark Winn 5-1); 2, **Footwork** (3-1); 3, **I Need Your Love** (5-1). 5-2 fav Houndsworth. 2/4l, 2/4l. 7 ran. A Kealey. Tote: £9.00; pl £2.40, £2.00. Exacta: £16.80. Trifecta: £80.00. CSF: £19.61. NR: Good Reward.

6.40: 1, **COPPULL HALL LANE** (H Crouch 8-13 fav); 2, **Phoenix Of Dreams** (2-1); 3, **Rogue State** (13-2). 2/4l, 3/4l. 8 ran. E Bethell. Tote: £1.62; pl £1.10, £1.10, £1.30. Exacta: £2.30. Trifecta: £5.40. CSF: £2.32. NR: Ghaihaban.

7.15: 1, **SUNNY ORANGE** (D Fentiman 10-3); 2, **Emu War** (10-1); 3, **Gidwa** (12-1). 2-1 fav Port And Starburd. 5/4l, 1/2l. 11 ran. T Easterby. Tote: £4.34; pl £1.40, £3.00, £3.20. Exacta: £33.80. Tricast: £371.99. Trifecta: £235.60. CSF: £38.05. NR: Glory Call.

7.45: 1, **DISTINCTION** (J Fanning 13-2); 2, **Wait And Hope** (11-1); 3, **Poet's Dawn** (7-1). 5-2 fav Puella Law. 2l, nk. 7 ran. J Mackie. Tote: £7.50; pl £3.00, £4.80. Exacta: £67.50. Tricast: £511.55. Trifecta: £266.80. CSF: £69.39. NR: Challet, Running Star.

8.15: 1, **MAKALU** (JP Sullivan 7-2 jfav); 2, **Star Of St James** (7-2 jfav); 3, **Little Ted** (6-1). 1l, 3/4l. 10 ran. R Carr. Tote: £4.50; pl £1.40, £1.80, £2.20. Exacta: £15.00. Tricast: £71.90. Trifecta: £70.50. CSF: £14.59.

8.45: 1, **FREDDY ROBINSON** (B Robinson 7-4 fav); 2, **Regency Boy** (8-1); 3, **Three Platoon** (40-1). nk. 1/4l. 10 ran. J S Moore. Tote: £27.60; pl £8.10, £5.80. Exacta: £173.00. Trifecta: £1336.00. CSF: £351.15. NR: Naina.

7.30: 1, **KING OF SCOTIA** (W Carver 12-1); 2, **Ceilidh** (12-1); 3, **Oh So Audacious** (9-4). 85-40 fav Local Bay. 1/4l, 1/4l. 8 ran. J Osborne. Tote: £13.00; pl £3.30, £3.00, £1.40. Exacta: £130.90. Tricast: £444.82. Trifecta: £433.40. CSF: £140.36. NR: Edmund Ironside, Micks Dream, Poetic Force.

8.00: 1, **CORPORATE RAIDER** (Dylan Hogan 4-1); 2, **Robert Walpole** (25-1); 3, **Largo Bay** (6-1). 9-4 fav

Cloudy Rose. 1/4l, 1/4l. 7 ran. J Feilden. Tote: £5.00; pl £2.10, £8.60. Exacta: £77.20. Tricast: £540.54. Trifecta: £324.80. CSF: £78.61. NR: Miss Raindrop, The Conqueror.

8.30: 1, **HAVANA MOJITO** (D Keenan 10-1); 2, **Viridian** (9-2); 3, **Tres Chic** (5-4 fav). nk, 2/4l. 9 ran. J Gallagher. Tote: £11.90; pl £3.40, £2.10, £1.30. Exacta: £74.10. Tricast: £95.67. Trifecta: £173.40. CSF: £53.37. NR: Maverick Style, Spirit La Adelta.

9.00: 1, **ELECTRIC AVENUE** (A Keeley 7-1); 2, **Adace** (4-1 fav); 3, **Fayasel** (9-2). nk, 1l. 8 ran. G Baker. Tote: £8.00; pl £2.70, £1.90, £1.90. Exacta: £42.00. Tricast: £143.72. Trifecta: £244.80. CSF: £36.41. NR: Big Bard.

QUADPOT: £29.80

PLACEPOT: £8,051.80

CATTERICK

2.15: 1, **THE DANCING POET** (Mr Matt Brown 85-40 fav); 2, **Natchez Trace** (3-1); 3, **Made For You** (17-2). 2/4l, 1/4l. 9 ran. B Ellison. Tote: £3.20; pl £1.30, £1.10, £2.60. Exacta: £10.50. Tricast: £43.38. Trifecta: £47.20. CSF: £8.43.

2.50: 1, **EDUCATING RITA** (C Beasley 13-8 fav); 2, **Kitten In The Sky** (11-1); 3, **Desdemona** (7-2). 1l, 2l. 8 ran. M Dods. Tote: £2.63; pl £1.10, £2.80, £1.40. Exacta: £18.80. Trifecta: £42.20. CSF: £20.13. NR: Horus, Lionhart, Westgate Warrior.

3.30: 1, **HIGH OPINION** (A Brookes 9-2 cofav); 2, **Birkenhead** (9-2 cofav); 3, **Mereside Angel** (5-1). 9-2 cofav Honour Your Dreams. 1/4l, 1/4l. 9 ran. B Smart. Tote: £6.00; pl £1.90, £1.70, £1.70. Exacta: £26.50. Tricast: £104.86. Trifecta: £147.30. CSF: £24.47.

4.10: 1, **ANIMATE** (R Scott 12-1); 2, **Highjacked** (11-2); 3, **Labalaba** (5-4 fav). hd, 1/4l. 9 ran. G Harker. Tote: £13.00; pl £2.90, £1.80, £1.10. Exacta: £83.90. Tricast: £140.89. Trifecta: £275.10. CSF: £76.33. NR: Crypto Quest, Invincible Speed, Nights Over Egypt.

4.50: 1, **SEA THE DREAM** (C Beasley 2-1 fav); 2, **Mister Sox** (10-3); 3, **Woodstock** (11-1). nk, 1/4l. 9 ran. E Bethell. Tote: £3.00; pl £1.10, £1.30, £3.10. Exacta: £10.60. Tricast: £57.58. Trifecta: £62.50. CSF: £8.52. NR: Fortamour.

5.25: 1, **INFINITE HONOUR** (D Muscutt 11-8 fav); 2, **Little Venice** (11-2); 3, **Made In China** (9-2). 4l, 1/4l. 6 ran. S Corbett. Tote: £2.38; pl £1.10, £2.60. Exacta: £9.00. Tricast: £23.76. Trifecta: £23.70. CSF: £8.87. NR: Bella Grazia, Honrado, Kinetic.

5.50: 1, **JUAN BERMUDEZ** (H Skelton 5-6 fav); 2, **Jazz King** (4-1); 3, **Flighttothestars** (50-1). 3/4l, 1/4l. 10 ran. D Skelton. Tote: £1.84; pl £1.10, £1.50, £7.90. Exacta: £5.00. Trifecta: £68.50. CSF: £4.55.

2.40: 1, **GO GO CHICAGO** (K Woods 10-1 fav); 2, **Pacific** (17-2); 3, **Golden Moonshake** (40-1). nk. 1/4l. 9 ran. D Killahena & G McPherson. Tote: £1.91; pl £1.10, £1.70, £6.00. Exacta: £12.10. Trifecta: £118.40. CSF: £10.52. NR: Jazzmina Queen.

3.15: 1, **THEONLYWAYISWESSEX** (T Cannon 4-1); 2, **Invincible Wish** (33-1); 3, **Clean Getaway** (10-3). 3-1 fav Dusky Days. 9/4l, 1/4l. 9 ran. A King. Tote: £5.00; pl £1.80, £7.20, £1.30. Exacta: £136.30. Tricast: £490.48. Trifecta: £690.60. CSF: £110.87.

3.55: 1, **DONNIE AZOFF** (G Sheehan 12-1); 2, **Takeit Easy** (4-1); 3, **King Otis** (5-1). 9-4 fav Ilanz. 9l, 1/4l. 9 ran. J Snowden. Tote: £14.70; pl £3.20, £1.50, £1.70. Exacta: £75.80. Tricast: £276.79. Trifecta: £360.00. CSF: £59.74.

4.35: 1, **BOLD** (H Reed 3-1 fav); 2, **Do No Wrong** (7-2); 3, **Storm Control** (25-1). 2/4l, 12l. 8 ran. Daisy Hitchins. Tote: £4.00; pl £1.30, £1.50, £4.50. Exacta: £13.80. Tricast: £214.12. Trifecta: £194.10. CSF: £14.40.

5.15: 1, **CLIMATE PRECEDENT** (H Skelton 3-1 jfav); 2, **Lookingdandy** (9-2); 3, **Ryder's Rock** (10-1). 3-1 jfav City Roller. 5/4l, shd. 10 ran. D Skelton. Tote: £4.00; pl £1.50, £1.90, £2.70. Exacta: £19.00. Tricast: £118.43. Trifecta: £144.10. CSF: £16.42.

QUADPOT: £18.50

PLACEPOT: £32.30

BILLY WHIZZES TO VICTORY ON 80-1 SHOT

WHIZZ-KID Billy Loughnane did the maths to earn £9,000 a second riding his first Royal Ascot winner Rashabar.

In a week when teenagers are sitting their A-Level exams, the 18-year-old made a breakthrough in the £175,000 Coventry Stakes.

Loughnane's pace fractions were spot on as the 80-1 Brian Meehan-trained outsider repelled two onrushing rivals.

The winner, Hollie Doyle's mount Electrolyte (40-1) and 50-1 shot Columnist – the latter two both in Wathnan Racing's silks – were all but level where it mattered.

A photo-finish was needed to split them, with Rashabar officially a nose in front of the runner-up, with his owner-

by MELISSA JONES

mate close-up in third. With 4-1 favourite Camille Pissarro only 11th, the huge odds of the first three led to an £83,273 tricast payout for a £1 stake.

Since his race-riding debut in October 2022, Loughnane's horses have earned £2.2 million in prize money – and his wages yesterday were for a race which barely took 60 seconds.

"This is the best feeling in the world," said 2023 champion apprentice Loughnane, who hugged his trainer dad Mark in joyous scenes.

"I haven't even been riding two years yet. I had my 200th career winner last night at

Windsor and I came here this week just praying I would manage to get on the board with one.

"I saw the big TV and thought I might have just won it but you never know for certain."

Pledgeofallegiance snapped a 28-year losing run for Sir Mark Prescott at the Royal meeting with a battling Ascot Stakes performance.

"He started off in fairly low company and he's finally got there," said jockey Luke Morris, who held off the persistent threat of Divine Comedy by half-a-length.

"It's only my second winner at Royal Ascot and to do it for Sir Mark is hugely satisfying."



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PLAN: Charlie Appleby

ST LEGER AIM FOR ARABIAN

by JASON HEAVEY

ARABIAN CROWN will be aimed at the Betfred St Leger after recovering from the setback that ruled him out of this month's Derby.

The Charlie Appleby-trained son of Dubawi was the 5-1 second favourite for Epsom on the back of a three-and-a-quarter-length success in Sandown's Group Three Classic Trial.

But 15 days before the Derby, Appleby revealed the Godolphin colt had met with a training injury.

Arabian Crown is now set to appear in York's Group Two Great Voltigeur Stakes on August 21 before heading to Doncaster on September 14.

"The plan with him is to look towards the Voltigeur and then hopefully on to the St Leger," said Appleby.

"Setbacks are never timely but the main thing is he's come out of it now.

"It wasn't serious. Thankfully all is well now and that's our plan," added the trainer, whose three-year-old is 10-1 in the sponsor's St Leger betting.

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STAR TIP

Al Waseela	5.45	Cristalino
Ten Commitments	6.20	Persian Blue
Strong Johnson	6.50	Dandy Dinmont
Laser Focus	7.20	Bletchley Storm
Patronage	7.50	Serendipitous Lady
Tasever	8.20	Cariad
Tigerten	8.50	Ney

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT

PLACEPOT FIRST SIX RACES

5.45	EBF MAIDEN FILLIES' STAKES	Class 5 2YO 6f (12 run)	£3,725
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1 (3)	AL WASEELA W Haggas 9 2.....	A Farragher	72
2 (4)	COUNTRESS CIARA (25) A Watson 9 2.....	J Bryan	72
3 (9)	CRISTALINO K P De Foy 9 2.....	B Sayette	72
4 (6)	HACKNEY DIAMONDS (9) B Meenan 9 2.....	H Davies	*75
5 (2)	KOULIKORO A West 9 2.....	Jason Watson	72
6 (12)	NAD ALSHIBA RAIN M Appleby 9 2.....	A Rawlinson	72
7 (8)	RENEWAL R Beckett 9 2.....	E Greatrex	72
8 (10)	SHE'S A DARK HORSE D Ivory 9 2.....	W Cox	72
9 (1)	SKYLIGHT D Ivory 9 2.....	J F Egan	72
10 (7)	STANDPUT R Hannon 9 2.....	S Hitchcock	72
11 (5)	THE MAGIC TURTLE (22) D Donovan 9 2.....	D Keenan	49
12 (11)	0 WATER MUSIC (14) Harry Eustace 9 2.....	G Wood	61

Star Betting: 3 Cristalino, 4 Al Waseela, 9-2 Renewal, 6 Standput, 7 Countess Ciara, 8 Hackney Diamonds, 12 Nad Alshiba Rain, 20 Koulukoro, 25 others.

STARFORM: RENEWAL DANGER: Cristalino

6.20	HANDICAP	Class 5 3YO 6f (9 runners)	£4,187
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1 (2)	42L0 LET'S GET EM (25)(T) P & O Cole 9 9.....	D Muscutt	78
2 (5)	-124 DARK DREAMER (42)(BF,D,A) R Cowell 9 9.....	J Mitchell	78
3 (4)	0-50 BANDELLO (25) J & S Quinn 9 7.....	R Scott	71
4 (9)	2345 CHIEDOZIE (11)(P) C Hills 9 7.....	Jason Watson	80
5 (3)	43-4 HARKIAN BLUE (168) W Haggas 9 7.....	A Farragher	76
6 (1)	3352 TEN COMMITMENTS (8)(H) J Osborne 9 6.....	W Carver	(3) *81
7 (6)	4440 BONAVENTURE (13)(T) S C Williams 9 5.....	M Ghiani	79
8 (7)	-20L WANT WANT (33) J Chaplin-Hyam 9 4.....	Savin Moldoveanu	(7) 79
9 (4)	0505 KAPPARIS KID (22)(D,A) A Carroll 9 2.....	W Carson	76

Star Betting: 9-4 Ton Commitments, 3 Dark Dreamer, 6 Persian Blue, 8 Let's Get Em, Chiedozie, 12 Kapparis Kid, 14 Bonaventure, 16 Bandello, Want Want.

STARFORM: PERSIAN BLUE DANGER: Bonaventure

6.50	'CONFINED' HANDICAP	Class 5 5f (10 run)	£4,187
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1 (1)	6304 STRONG JOHNSON (14)(D7,A,G,S) P Midgley 8 9 11.....	Ryan Sexton	84
2 (4)	0-50 MISS BRAZEN (32)(BF,D2,G,S) M & D Easterby 4 9 8.....	H Russell	*88
3 (8)	0-24 DANDY DINMONT (9)(D2,A,G,S) N Tinkler 5 9 7.....	R Scott	71
4 (7)	1L-0 GLENDOWN (14)(G,S) T Easterby 4 9 6.....	D Fantman	85
5 (2)	-05L FAUSTUS (34)(D4,A,G,S) P R Cowell 6 9 6.....	J Mitchell	85
6 (3)	-340 LITTLE MUDDY (25)(D2,G,S) S Spencer 8 9 4.....	Dale Swift	85
7 (6)	0633 ANGLE LAND (8)(BF,D6,A,G,S) R Cowell 5 9 4.....	M Ghiani	83
8 (9)	4426 ABOLISH (44)(G) P A Carroll 8 8 13.....	Jason Watson	86
9 (10)	3-43 BEAULD AS BRASS (22)(D,A,G) A West 4 8 11.....	S D Bowen	(5) 85
10 (5)	-L00 FOUR ADAAY (12)(CD,D4,A,G,S) B Millman 6 8 11.....	L Edmunds	76

Star Betting: 9-2 Angle Land, 5 Beauld As Brass, 6 Dandy Dinmont, Strong Johnson, 7 Abolish, 8 Miss Brazen, Faustus, Little Muddy, 16 others.

STARFORM: GLENDOWN DANGER: Angle Land

7.20	HANDICAP	Class 6 1m 2f (13 runners)	£3,402
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1 (7)	3046 ABU ROYAL (37)(BF,G) H Main 4 9 11.....	R Dawson	76
2 (2)	0535 SONNING (20)(D,G) D Brooke 6 9 9.....	Jason Watson	74
3 (4)	L112 LASER FOCUS (8)(D,G) T James Owen 6 9 8.....	S D Bowen	(5) 78
4 (11)	-030 THE PUG (12)(D,A) B S Kirk 4 9 8.....	Sharif Mohd	(7) 74
5 (12)	1601 BLETCHLEY STORM (53)(D,A,G,S) G Baker 4 9 7.....	G Baker	4 9 7
6 (1)	50-0 SHOWY (35) J Portman 4 9 7.....	D Keenan	73
7 (10)	1006 PRINCESS NYLA (14)(G) A Brown 4 9 7.....	F Mitchell	77
8 (6)	-231 SISTERANDBROTHER (12)(D,G) H T K Frost 6 9 6.....	P Mathers	74
9 (5)	0-04 BAILE LOCHA RIACH (28)(P,T) D Donovan 4 9 5.....	L Catton	(5) *79
10 (13)	26-1 FILLYFUDGE (118)(D2,A,G) Miss A Murphy 5 9 5.....	G Wood	72
11 (8)	1160 MCTED (18)(D3,A,G) J Parr 6 9 5.....	Alice Bond	(7) 73
12 (9)	-315 CAREY STREET (26)(D,A,G,S) A Carroll 8 9 3.....	M Ghiani	73

Star Betting: 9-4 Bletchley Storm, 5 Sisterandbrother, 11-2 Laser Focus, 8 Fillyfudge, 10 Baile Locha Riach, 12 Sonning, Abu Royal, Princess Nyla, 16 others.

STARFORM: FILLYFUDGE DANGER: Carey Street

TRACKFACTS Left-handed oval track of 1m 4f, straight 6f course, flat with easy turns. Stalls today 1m2f & 1m0f Inside; Remainder Centre.

TOP TRAINERS (with runners) M Appleby 31 winners, (14.7% strike rate), £1.00, W Haggas 18, (22.8%), £0.58, R Beckett 15, (16.9%), £26.93, R Hannon 13, (10.9%), £24.51, T Easterby 12, (7.6%), £1.00, P Midgley 11, (15.7%), £7.75, C Hills 10, (18.5%), £1.73, G Boughy 9, (22.5%), £1.32, D Ivory 7, (12.7%), £261.50, J Parr 6, (23.1%), £14.91, A Carroll 5, (9.3%), £2.00, B Millman 5, (12.2%), £17.00.

7.50	HANDICAP	Class 6 3YO 1m 2f (11 run)	£3,402
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1 (4)	550L FORTNUM (29) G Boughy 9 11.....	P Cosgrave	56
2 (6)	-064 EMERALD CITY (29) J Fanshawe 9 10.....	D Muscutt	63
3 (9)	5421 PATRONAGE (29)(CD,A,G) P N Tinkler 9 10.....	R Scott	63
4 (1)	L-LP POP NOODLE (140) M Loughane 9 9.....	E Greatrex	66
5 (10)	50-L MISTY TIME (55) M Walford 9 9.....	P Dennis	54
6 (11)	000-LINCOLN ROYAL (247)(E,T) I Furtado 9 8.....	J Haynes	53
7 (2)	0000 DARING LEADER (8) O Greenall & J Guerrero 9 7.....	Ryan Sexton	58

8 (5) -002 STANDBACKANDLOOK (15) W Knight 9 6..... M Ghiani *67

9 (3) -644 SERENDIPITOUS LADY (20)(S) B T D Cunha 9 4..... C Hutchinson (3) 65

10 (7) L-50 LADY OF TIME (20)(T) T Easterby 9 3..... D Fantman 54

11 (6) 5L-L ADAAY WITH MICHAEL (30) M & D Easterby 9 11..... R Russell 48

LONG HANDICAP: Adaay With Michael 8-10.

Star Betting: 3 Patronage, 9-2 Serendipitous Lady, 5 Emerald City, Fortnum, 7 Standbackandlook, 12 Lady Of Time, Lincoln Royal, 20 Misty Time, Adaay With Michael, Pop Noodle, 25 Daring Leader.

STARFORM: PATRONAGE DANGER: Emerald City

8.20	HANDICAP	Class 6 1m (12 runners)	£3,402
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1 (8)	-640 AL BAAHY (12)(G) K Frost 5 9 10.....	J Mitchell	71
2 (9)	-LL2 BULLSHEAD (9)(B) J Candlish 4 9 10.....	L Edmunds	71
3 (1)	3032 DOUGLES DREAM (22)(D,A,G,S) P N Tinkler 5 9 10.....	F McManoman	70
4 (5)	5-0L CARIAD (21)(D2,A) B G Scott 4 9 9.....	D Muscutt	*73
5 (11)	-112 ANDROMEDAS KINGDOM (4)(BF,D3,S) M Appleby 6 9 8.....	S D Bowen	(5) 72

6 (4) 1-60 CEILIDH (36)(S) B Baker 4 9 7..... P Cosgrave 70

7 (10) 5130 SAM'S HOPE (15)(A) T A Carroll 4 9 7..... D Keenan 71

8 (7) 5405 ADELABELLA (31) M Wigham 4 9 6..... S Sayette 69

9 (12) 0050 TASEVER (9)(P) T Easterby 4 9 6..... D Fantman 68

10 (2) 0-02 BELIEVE YOU ME (36)(S) P H Main 4 9 6..... R Dawson 70

11 (6) 24-0 ASTRONOMICA (31)(D2,S) Dr J Scargill 4 9 6..... G Wood 69

12 (3) 520- ICE SHADOW (175)(D,A,S) B Brown 5 9 4..... R Scott 70

Star Betting: 7-2 Andromedas Kingdom, 4 Douglas Dream, 5 Ballsbridge, 7 Adelabella, 8 Believe You Me, 12 Al Baahy, 14 Tasever, Ceilidh, Cariad, 16 others.

STARFORM: ANDROMEDAS KINGDOM DANGER: Believe You Me

8.50	HANDICAP	Class 6 1m 6f (12 runners)	£3,402
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1 (7)	4-14 RUSSIAN ROMOUR (12)(CD,D2,A,F,G,S) P J Portman 7 9 11.....	Olivia Tubb	(7) 74
2 (8)	00-4 DOUGLAS DC (16) A Carroll 6 9 9.....	W Carson	69
3 (6)	4L-4 HIGHLAND FROLIC (48)(T) M Rimell 5 9 8.....	D Muscutt	69
4 (3)	3114 NEV (19)(BF,D,A,G) B Brooke 6 9 7.....	A Rawlinson	71
5 (12)	3425 ROCK N ROLL PINKIE (17)(D,S) I Furtado 4 9 7.....	M Ghiani	70
6 (5)	0-32 YOUNG MERLIN (45)(D,G,S) P Miss A Murphy 8 9 7.....	L Edmunds	72
7 (11)	40-0 MRS MEADER (88)(G,S) J Feilden 8 9 5.....	S Feilden	(7) 76
8 (10)	52-0 GRAIN OF HOPE (J44)(P) E Lavelle 4 9 5.....	E Greatrex	74
9 (4)	4-06 SEA MASTER (26) J Ward 4 9 4.....	J F Egan	67
10 (1)	6324 TIGERTEN (9)(BF,D,G,S) P T K Frost 7 9 0.....	S Sayette	73
11 (2)	3LLO LONGUERUE (13)(C,G) R Eddy 5 8 9.....	S D Bowen	(5) *77
12 (9)	-000 ROMAN TEMPEST (22)(S) S Dow 5 8 7.....	H Davies	75

Star Betting: 3 Tigerten, 9-2 Russian Rumour, 6 Ney, Young Merlin, 7 Rock N Roll Pinkie, 10 Douglas DC, 16 Grain Of Hope, Mrs Meader, Highland Frolic, 20 others.

STARFORM: TIGERTEN DANGER: Rock N Roll Pinkie

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GOING: GOOD

PLACEPOT FIRST SIX RACES

2.05	HANDICAP CHASE	C 5 (12 f) 2m 110yds (11 run)	£3,248
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1	P2-P BLAZE A TRAIL (24)(D,G,S) J & R Flint 10 12 0.....	C Brace	*106
2	P13- FINALSHOT (246)(D,G) T Mrs M Rowley 11 11 13.....	C Deutsch	100
3	6-P3 FLOATING ROCK (18)(D2,G,S) P M Gates 9 11 10.....	C Ward	(3) -
4	654- GAMBLE TIEP (74)(D2,S) S Pauling 11 11 10.....	Beau Morgan	(6) 101
5	F5-3 GROOM DE COTTE (44)(T) G Brown 6 11 8.....	R McLernon	-
6	31-1 TONTO FOLEY (26)(D2,G,S) T Christian Williams 5 11 6.....	J Tudor	98
7	4-1U TOPICAL TALENT (15)(D,G) T O Greenall & J Guerrero 5 11 2.....	H Brooke	98
8	45-L LET IT SHINE (20)(BF) P C Longson 6 10 9.....	Lilly Pinchin	-
9	6-6P MOVES LIKE MONTY (12)(G) L Morgan 6 10 4.....	A Wedge	96
10	PL-L SOLID FUEL (7) Joanne Thomason-Murphy 6 10 2.....	J Best	85
11	PP-5 LONIMOSS BARELIERE (8)(B,T) R Summers 6 10 2.....	P Armon	(8) 86

LONG HANDICAP: Solid Fuel 9-13, Lonimoss Bareliere 9-12.

Star Betting: 9-4 Tonto Foley, 5 Tropical Talent, 13-2 Gamble Tiep, 7 Finalshot, 8 Let It Shine, 10 Blaze A Trail, Floating Rock, 14 Groom De Cotte, 16 others.

2023: No corresponding race.

STARFORM: GAMBLE TIEP DANGER: Tonto Foley

2.40	RORY DAI HANDICAP CHASE	Class 4 (13 f) 2m 4f (13 run)	£4,700
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1	P6-3 LE CAMELEON (22)(D,G,S) T K Bailey 9 12 0.....	G Sheehan	120
2	PL-L DEFAN FUEL (7) Joanne Thomason-Murphy 6 10 2.....	N Schofield	123
3	36-1 BOB BOB RICARD (20)(G) P Jonjo & A O'Neill 6 11 11.....	Jonjo O'Neill Jr	119
4	1L6- NO NO MAESTRO (54)(D,G,S) P T O'Brien 9 11 11.....	J J Burke	*129
5	L-P JUDGE EARLE (18)(CD,C2,D,G,S) P & M Bowen 12 11 11.....	S Bowen	118
6	P-LP JONY MAX (18)(G,S) T Christian Williams 9 11 8.....	J Tudor	122
7	36-4 BARTON KNOLL (245)(G) J Mackie 12 11 8.....	B Hughes	119
8	23-3 HARDY BOY (26)(D,G) B Pauling 7 11 6.....	R Jones	125
9	P-3 CAPE VIDAL (34)(G) T A Honeyball 7 11 6.....	S Twiston-Davies	-
10	3-14 POZO EMERY (15)(G,S) P L Morgan 9 11 5.....	J Kingston	-
11	63-3 CHESS PLAYER (23)(G) P B Pauling 9 11 4.....	K Woods	126
12	21-L DUKE OF LUCKLEY (30)(BF,D,G,S) V M Keighley 7 11 0.....	J Best	121

Star Betting: 3 Bob Bob Ricard, 5 Hardy Boy, 8 Chess Player, Cape Vidal, Barton Knoll, 12 Le Cameleon, Duke Of Luckley, Pozo Emery, 14 others.

2023: Courtland 8 11 9, Sean Bowen Evens Fav (P & M Bowen), 5 ran.

STARFORM: BOB BOB RICARD DANGER: Hardy Boy

3.15	OPEN NH FLAT RACE (GBB RACE)	Class 5 2m (12 runners)	£2,451
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1	3 ELYSIAN KNIGHT (34) N Mulholland 5 11 0.....	S Twiston-Davies	*105
2	0-01 HOLOKEA (45)(G,S) P & M Bowen 5 11 0.....	J Bowen	-
3	4 ROCKET MAN (39)(BF) E Lavelle 5 11 0.....	J A Anderson	(3) 102
4	ALL WELL AND GOOD O (10)(G) S Bowen	S Bowen	-
5	FP-0 AS GOOD AS CAN BE (52) C Dyson 4 10 9.....	D Noonan	-
6	CONFIDENTIC C Gordon 4 10 9.....	R Dingle	-
7	EVERYBODYDANCENOW N Twiston-Davies 4 10 9.....	J Brace	(7) 73
8	6 PATCH MAN (28)(BF) S M Prescott 4 10 9.....	H Cobden	-
9	0-0 STEEL SOLDIER (34)(G) D Norton 4 10 9.....	Williamson	(3) -
10	THEATRE OF LIGHT (24)(G) J & A O'Neill 4 10 9.....	S Twiston-Davies	-
11	WARFLEET F Brennan 4 10 9.....	G Sheehan	-
12	NOELS DESTINY STAR B Pauling 5 10 7.....	R Jones	-

Star Betting: 4 Noels Destiny Star, 9-2 Elysian Knight, 6 All Well And Good, Rocket Man, Patch Man, 8 Holokea, 10 Theatre Of Light, Everybodydancencow, Confidentic, 25 others.

2023: Olivers Travels 5 11 0, Sean Bowen 9-4 Fav (P & M Bowen), 8 ran.

STARFORM: HOLOKEA DANGER: Patch Man

3.55	SAVILLS HANDICAP HURDLE	Class 4 (8 flights) 2m (11 run)	£4,066
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1	124- HIDALGO DE LISLE (245)(G,S) D McCain 7 12 0.....	B Hughes	114
2	236- GALATA BRIDGE (58)(D2,G) Dr R Newland & J Insole 7 11 13.....	S Twiston-Davies	120
3	30/L CILLIANS CHARM (14)(S)(H) James Owen 7 11 12.....	C P O'Shea	(7) 40
4	543/ BALLYWOOD (1132)(G,S) Georgie Howell 10 11 11.....	Tadhita Worsley	(3) -
5	10/0 ENKI FLACKE (32)(D,G,S) O Murphy 7 11 11.....	S Bowen	103
6	L5-U SEA PRINCE (15)(D,G) A Hales 8 11 8.....	K Woods	-
7	P-3U FORGET THE WAY (18)(BF,CD,G) T James Owen 7 11 4.....	H Cobden	*121
8	1-21 CAWTHORNE BANKER (24)(D,G) P Jonjo & A O'Neill 6 11 3.....	Jonjo O'Neill Jr	118</

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STAR TIP

Crystal Guard	1.45	Epona Pas
Georgecandoit	2.15	Jungle Drums
Gold Black	2.50	Shazani
Flying Scotsman	3.30	Hondo
John L Sullivan	4.10	Rosenzoo
Naturalia	4.50	Naturalia
Penelope's Sister	5.25	Penelope's Sister

1.45 APPRENTICE HANDICAP

Class 6 1m 5f (9 runners) £3,664

1 (1)	2431	TWOFORTHEGUTTER (13)(C,G)(B)	C Kellett 4 9 10.....	Mark Winn	63
2 (4)	36	REAMS OF LOVE (83)(F)	D J Jeffreys 6 9 8.....	F Daly (7)	30
3 (3)	6-64	THE NAVIGATOR (13)(G,S)	D Sayer 9 9 7.....	Archie Young (5)	62
4 (3)	06L1	MOUSH (23)	L Bailey 4 9 7.....	K S McHugh (7)	60
5 (2)	-030	EPONA PAS (7)	J Goldie 4 9 6.....	Amie Waugh (3)	60
6 (9)	-L24	LAUDABLE (21)(P)	T Davidson 4 9 6.....	Millie Wannacott (3)	62
7 (5)	266-	TRAILBLAZER (J59)(P)	A Nicol 5 9 3.....	W Pyle (3)	*67
8 (6)	4L31	CRYSTAL GUARD (16)(D,A,G)(P)	Jardine 6 9 1.....	M Tabti (3)	64
9 (7)	L0L-	PAMMI (J10)(C,A,S)(W)	J Goldie 9 9 0.....	Kaiya Fraser (3)	44

Star Betting: 9-4 Crystal Guard, 5-2 Twoforthegutter DANGER: Crystal Guard

2.15 EBF RESTRICTED MAIDEN STAKES (GBB RACE)

Class 4 2YO 5f (5 runners) £4,806

1 (1)	222	GEORGECANDOIT (19)	J O'Keefe 9 7.....	J Garrity *82
2 (4)	36	GOBSMACKED (22)	K Ryan 9 7.....	T Eaves 63
3 (2)	JUNGLE DRUMS (K R Burke)	9 7.....	Oisin Orr	60
4 (3)	L5	JOSHUA DREAM (19)	J Goldie 9 5.....	P Mulrennan 61
5 (5)	TIPPY TOP (Jardine)	9 2.....	A Mullen	-

Star Betting: 10-11 Georgecandoit, 6-4 Jungle Drums, 12 others.

STARFORM: GEORGECANDOIT DANGER: Jungle Drums

2.50 HAMILTON PARK EBF MAIDEN STAKES

Class 4 2YO 6f (8 runners) £5,400

1 (5)	0	HERCEMESTHEBEAR (42)	H Palmer 9 7.....	P Mulrennan	68
2 (7)	3	LUCIUS AURELIUS (21)	K Ryan 9 7.....	T Eaves	72
3 (4)	04	SHAZANI (14)	C Johnston 9 7.....	C Beasley	74
4 (2)	43	TRIPLE CHARGED (16)	K R Burke 9 7.....	D Costello *75	-
5 (6)	6	FORCE OF HONOUR	Craig Lidster 9 4.....	W Pyle (5)	-
6 (3)	3	GOLD BLACK	R Fahey 9 4.....	Oisin Orr	-
7 (1)	4	PRETTY THING (20)	D Loughnane 9 2.....	Laura Pearson	73
8 (8)	0	WHO WANTS ME	Jardine 8 13.....	A Mullen	-

Star Betting: 4 Triple Charged, 2-5 Gold Black, 5 Pretty Thing.

HERCEMESTHEBEAR, Lucius Aurelius, 13-2 Shazani, 8 others.

STARFORM: TRIPLE CHARGED DANGER: Lucius Aurelius

3.30 HANDICAP

Class 5 1m 3f (8 runners) £3,926

1 (1)	4050	BOHEMIAN BREEZE (17)(A,G)(P)	C Johnston 4 9 9.....	A Mullen	82
2 (3)	4-44	JACKHAMMER (13)(C,G,S)	D Sayer 10 9 8.....	D Costello	76
3 (5)	60L-	TILSITT (174)(A,G,S)(T)	R M Smith 7 9 4.....	W Pyle (5) *83	-
4 (7)	4455	SPANISH HUSTLE (21)(C,D3,G,S)	J Goldie 6 9 4.....	Kaiya Fraser (5)	80
5 (6)	2L5-	HONDO (269)	L Russell 4 9 3.....	Oisin Orr	80
6 (2)	525-	PURPLE GOWN (J116)(BF,S)(P)	A Nicol 5 9 2.....	B Robinson	81
7 (8)	-054	FLYING SCOTSMAN (49)(S)(W)	H Basmal 7 9 1.....	P Mulrennan	79
8 (4)	5454	JAMINOV (7)(C2,S)(P)	L Russell 5 9 0.....	Archie Young (7)	87

Star Betting: 7-2 Jackhammer, 4 Purple Gown, 5 Spanish Hustle.

Jaminov, 6 Bohemian Breeze, 8 Hondo, 10 Flying Scotsman, 14 Tilsitt.

STARFORM: TILSITT DANGER: Jackhammer

4.10 HANDICAP

Class 5 3YO 1m (5 runners) £3,926

1 (2)	-L61	ROSENZOO (6)(D,A,G)	C Johnston 10 0(6ex).....	A Mullen	74
2 (1)	5432	MYSTERYOFTHESANDS (11)	T Easterby 9 10.....	S B Kिरrane *79	76
3 (4)	0521	JOHN L SULLIVAN (8)(D,G)(T)	L Russell 9 6(6ex).....	Oisin Orr	76
4 (3)	026-	FINN IRONSIDE (173)	Craig Lidster 9 4.....	T Eaves	72
5 (5)	060	JAZZ SCENE (37)	Sir M Prescott 9 3.....	P Mulrennan	66

Star Betting: 9-4 Rosenzoo, 5-2 John L Sullivan,

3 Mysteryofthesands, 5 Jazz Scene, 10 Finn Ironside.

STARFORM: MYSTERYOFTHESANDS DANGER: Rosenzoo

RIPON

GOING: SOFT

PLACEPOT FIRST SIX RACES

6.00 MAIDEN FILLIES' STAKES (GBB RACE)

Class 5 2YO 5f (7 runners) £4,711

1 (7)	53	BACOR (32)	G Boughrey 9 2.....	Grace McEntee (3)	73
2 (2)	CHARMSTER	Miss A Murphy 9 2.....	S Gray	-	
3 (3)	3	COEUR JAUNE (14)	D O'Meara 9 2.....	D Nolan	*88
4 (5)	LADY ROXBV	B Smart 9 2.....	A Breslin (3)	-	
5 (1)	MISS CAST	T Easterby 9 2.....	D Allan	-	
6 (6)	L PARTY BEAR	(20) K R Burke 9 2.....	J Gilligan	49	
7 (4)	SHE WENT WHOOSH	R Hannan 9 2.....	C Rodriguez	-	

Star Betting: 2 Coeur Jaune, 3 She Went Whoosh, 9-2 Bacor,

7 Charmster, 10 Miss Cast, Party Bear, 12 Lady Roxby.

STARFORM: COEUR JAUNE DANGER: She Went Whoosh

6.35 MAIDEN STAKES (GBB RACE)

Class 5 3YO 6f (13 runners) £4,711

1 (10)	6-5	BATEMAN (53)	G Tutty 9 7.....	S Gray	70
2 (4)	CANON'S HOUSE	M & D Easterby 9 7.....	Joanna Mason	-	
3 (7)	00	DOODLEBUG (23)	N Tinkler 9 7.....	A Jary (5)	47
4 (5)	FLOWSTATE	D O'Meara 9 7.....	D Nolan	-	
5 (3)	OL-	FOOTONTHEGAS (265)	M Hammond 9 7.....	A Brookes (5)	31
6 (2)	0	FOX SPIRIT (8)	T Easterby 9 7.....	JP Sullivan	64
7 (12)	23L-	OLIGOPOLY (333)(T)	T Easterby 9 7.....	D Allan	-
8 (11)	5543	REBEL EMPIRE (16)	R Hannan 9 7.....	C Hardie	*79
9 (14)	4L-	THE BOBSTER (243)	R Fahey 9 7.....	Ethan Tindall (7)	67
10 (9)	ICE POP	C Johnston 9 2.....	F Norton	-	
11 (8)	54-	IDLE ASSEMBLY (355)	B Meehan 9 2.....	C Rodriguez	71
12 (6)	55	MARIS ANGEL (76)(P)	H Haslam 9 2.....	A Breslin (3)	68
13 (13)	0	ROGERS DREAM (23)	S Corbett 9 2.....	C Murtagh	49

Star Betting: 11-4 Oligopoly, 9-2 Rebel Empire, 5 Ice Pop, 7 Idle Assembly, 8 Flowstate, 10 The Bobster, Bateman, 12 Fox Spirit, Maris Angel, 20 others.

STARFORM: OLIGOPOLY DANGER: Ice Pop

GREYHOUNDS

MONMORE

11.01 SKYFALL JEREMY (3)	.....	Hold It Harry (4)
11.18 BALLINCURRY BUD (1)	.....	Winterfield Lad (6)
11.34 TULLYMURRY RAPID (5)	.....	Memory Token (4)
11.52 SWIFT EINSTEIN (nap)	(1).....	Red Jellybean (5)
12.09 WINTERFIELD SOOT (2)	.....	Springside Lily (6)
12.26 SWIFT IMPALE (1)	.....	Swift Nyah (2)
12.42 BANG ON SULLY (6)	.....	Aero Fly (4)
12.59 AERO BEE (5)	.....	Bit View Barry (3)
1.17 TREACLE SPONGE (1)	.....	Coralbey Vera (3)
1.33 RACE WITH SONNY (nb)	(2).....	Winterfield Coco (3)
1.51 HELICOPTER MOLLY (4)	.....	Chubbys Coco (5)
2.07 COOLADERRY STRYP (3)	.....	Longacres Blanc (6)

HOVE

2.23 VOCATION (2)	.....	Broadfieldbullet (3)
2.41 SKILFUL CAVANI (4)	.....	Tunnelroad Star (2)
3.01 TREATY WILLOW (5)	.....	Jackpot Reward (4)
3.19 MARSTON JESS (nb)	(2).....	Uniform Lady (1)
3.38 JOYCES BOLGER (4)	.....	Where Are You (1)
3.57 BUNNY TRAIL (1)	.....	Sunning Dale (2)
4.16 PUNK ROCK IVY (3)	.....	Make An Impact (2)
4.34 BLUESTAR PILOT (4)	.....	Rias Twinkle (5)
4.53 CANT TELL ALFIE (5)	.....	Taylor's Pumpkin (2)
5.12 INSANE ACE (1)	.....	Moving On Up (4)
5.31 KERRS LACEY (3)	.....	Newinn Beanie (1)
5.49 BU HAN TAG (nap)	(6).....	Bonfire Bullet (1)

PERRY BARR

6.08 TRUMPERS CHACHA (1)	.....	Lady Pacifico (4)
6.26 FLYHIGH RICH (nap)	(4).....	Polyhadadolly (6)
6.42 BALLARUE FLO (5)	.....	Baggios Storm (3)
6.59 DONISHALL DAISY (5)	.....	Aero Madam (4)
7.16 GLOSBOURNE (1)	.....	Hero Gem (2)
7.33 MELSHARGE EMMA (2)	.....	Mary (5)
7.49 LYNNIAS POWER (3)	.....	Ratches Sapphire (1)
8.07 OAKFRONT GEM (nb)	(5).....	Flyhigh Honcho (4)
8.24 BARNAGRADE DREAM (2)	.....	Flyhigh Sienna (1)
8.41 MOYAR HILL (5)	.....	Chiti Khabootri (2)
8.59 COLD KNIGHT (5)	.....	Rathsilva Gizmo (6)
9.16 TOKENS MAGIC (1)	.....	Shortwood Ally (4)

NOTTINGHAM

11.09 MOVE OVER MOM (nap)	(2).....	Harwell Panda (4)
11.27 SWIFT NIKITA (4)	.....	Kelva Eve (2)
11.43 MOTH (4)	.....	Honour Augustus (2)
12.01 FEORA NICK (6)	.....	Baby Arc (1)
12.18 VAMPIRE MOON (4)	.....	Clerihan Axle (6)
12.34 MANUKA DUCHESS (1)	.....	Neaves Noodle (6)
12.51 PLATINUM HONEY (nb)	(2).....	Whizzing Raven (1)
1.08 OPAL SANDS (6)	.....	Dromana Fury (5)
1.26 CLONKEEN LUCA (6)	.....	Hundredacrear (2)
1.42 MACALPINE (2)	.....	Coney Ball Blah (5)
1.59 SOLID MAGGIE (1)	.....	Locked Out (6)
2.14 SHOCKWAVE VOODOO (4)	.....	Pilgrims Pride (3)

NEWCASTLE

2.29 BABS WHISKY (nb)	(3).....	Fabulous Force (2)
2.48 EMERS BEAN (6)	.....	Dunquin Sarah (3)
3.07 CAUSEWAY IVY (5)	.....	Goodnight Ash (3)
3.26 BLACKHOUSE PEGGY (6)	.....	Gartcloss Tam (2)
3.44 WESTFORTH LINDY (2)	.....	Swift Admin (6)
4.03 ROMEO STINGRAY (nap)	(6).....	Missyoulikecrazy (3)
4.22 ALNWICK GERS (4)	.....	Matts Fairone (5)
4.41 DOONANES TIC TOC (5)	.....	Crooks Mojito (6)
4.59 HIGHVIEW DUSK (1)	.....	Bramble Rebel (3)
5.18 POWER STATION (4)	.....	Bramble Howe (6)
5.37 TWOPIROFACES (2)	.....	Bramble Aggie (3)
5.56 CLASSY EDGE (5)	.....	Blackhouse Via (4)

ROMFORD

6.37 BLOOMS RED RUM (nb)	(1).....	Lazlos Babe (3)
6.53 KINGDOM BALE (3)	.....	Chelms Gask (4)
7.11 KNOCKADERRY COCO (2)	.....	Kingdom Kid (6)
7.27 MISSING YEARS (3)	.....	Roxys Mercury (1)
7.44 HEADFORD LOLA (1)	.....	Concord Echo (2)
8.01 FINLEY (3)	.....	Jeopardy Raven (4)
8.19 DEANRIDGE BOYONE (6)	.....	Lifeyside Sprat (3)
8.36 ITSUR BEAUTY (1)	.....	Pink (3)
8.54 BENSOURDERRY MARY (2)	.....	Petroma Seren (3)
9.11 URRY UP ROSIE (5)	.....	Vancouver Port (1)
9.28 YOUNG SNOWFLAKE (4)	.....	Ellaha Rois (1)
9.46 VISITOR (2)	.....	Kingdom Ten (1)

BAGS WINNERS AND PRIZES

MONMORE

2.29: Bloos Denman (1) 7-1, Vixons Panther (4) 3-1, bf: £37.39, tri: (1-4-3) £0.00. 2.48: Crowvalley Megan (4) 5-1, Vixons Acer (2) 7-2, bf: £31.36, tri: (4-2-1) £98.84, 3-07: Bruin (5) 2-1, Whisky Emperor (6) 11-4, bf: £9.10, tri: (5-6-2) £0.00. 3-06: Ivy Hill George (6) 15-8 fav, Puma Bully (2) 5-1, bf: £12.87, tri: (6-2-3) £0.00. 3.44: Winterfield Sal (3) 7-4 fav, Blue Gold (2) 10-1, bf: £21.18, tri: (3-2-5) £0.00. 4.03: Alien Wildfire (6) 6-4 fav, Howbinya Mos (5) 5-1, bf: £10.21, tri: (6-5-2) £0.00. 4.22: Crossfield Marta (1) 5-1, Zilzal (2) 3-1 and Skyfall Spark (6) 10-3 (dd-bt 2nd), NR: Windmill Dream (res), (1-6-2) <#U+00A3>0.00, (1-2-6) <#U+00A3>0.00. 4.41: Outer Limits (5) 3-1, Drumdoit Jewel (1) 11-4, bf: £14.11, tri: (5-1-2) £0.00. 4.59: Starshinesweetie (5) 5-2, Winterfield Faye (1) 2-1 fav, NR: Foulscourt Park (res), bf: £9.27, tri: (5-1-3) £0.00. 5.18: Knock Beeswing (1) 4-1, Across The Field (2) 15-8, bf: £15.51, tri: (1-2-4) £0.00. 5.37: Swift Reassure (6) 2-1 fav, Seven Kisses (1) 5-1, bf: £12.70, tri: (6-1-2) £41.85. 5.56: Millbank Silver (4) 7-4, Homerun Hound (5) 5-1, bf: £12.20, tri: (4-5-3) £0.00.

NEWCASTLE

11.09: Alnwick Maebv (4) 4-1, Vics Beth (3) 11-4, bf: £20.89, tri: (4-3-1) £76.99. 11.27: Georgie Skye (5) 13-8 jt-fav, Apple of My Eye (2) 4-1, bf: £10.84, tri: (5-2-4) £45.03. 11.43: Ava Amelia (2) 2-1 fav, Alnwick Patch (6) 11-4, bf: £9.80, tri: (2-6-4) £35.49. 12.01: Alnwick River (6) 13-8 fav, Hetton Lass (3) 4-1, bf: £9.73, tri: (6-3-2) £23.95. 12.18: Piemans Poppi (2) 8-1, Blackhouse Bobby (4) 3-1, bf: £48.93, tri: (2-4-5) £144.12. 12.34: Ice Got Rhythm (6) 4-1, Westforth Korky (4) 10-1, bf: £50.32, tri: (6-4-3) £157.90. 12.51: Hes Bizzar (2) 11-4, Coppice Victoria (5) 7-2, bf: £17.35, tri: (2-5-3) £35.43. 1.08: Coppice Gordie (1) 5-2 jt-fav, Bramble Joe Mae (5) 10-3, bf: £12.74, tri: (1-5-4) £28.62. 1.26: Richies Richie (3) 8-1, Drummafern Jubel (2) 15-8 fav, NR: Blackhousemavrik (res), bf: £32.08, tri: (3-2-1) £79.78. 1.42: Wraybury Silver (4) 5-2, Blackhouse Finn (2) 9-2, bf: £17.90, tri: (4-2-5) £44.19. 1.59: My Bentley Boy (4) 5-6 fav, Megans Freedom (5) 5-2, bf: £3.98, tri: (4-5-1) £16.90. 2.14: Alnwick Evie (4) 9-4, Westforth Jayzee (3) 5-1, bf: £16.32, tri: (4-3-6) £34.05.

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2.36: Big Time Celi (3) 2-1, Pennys Billy (1) 15-8 fav, bf: £7.18, tri: (3-1-6) £13.18. 2.54: Ferndale Glory (5) 4-1, Scarsdale Bella (6) 11-4, bf: £18.88, tri: (5-6-3) £69.72. 3.13: Ballymacken Moya (5) 3-1, Adeles Lilly (4) 2-1 fav, NR: Mo Cara Juno (res), bf: £11.61, tri: (5-4-3) £0.00. 3.32: Ballybrazil Oreo (5) 14-1, Tromora Gloss (4) 9-4, bf: £70.88, tri: (5-4-6) £223.78. 3.51: Faith In Paloma (2) 6-4 fav, Ferryforth

GOING: GOOD

PLACEPOT FIRST SIX RACES

TRACKFACTS Right-handed, loop course with 5f run-in part of straight. Undulating, with testing finishing climb. Stalls today 1m & 1m1f Inside; Remainder Stands Side.

4.50 FILLIES' HANDICAP

Class 5 1m (7 runners) £3,926

1	(1)	210-	BANNER ROAD (213)(D2,S)	L Russell 5 10 0.....	Archie Young (7) *65
2	(5)	02L3	TAKES TIME (26)	D Loughnane 3 9 7.....	Laura Pearson 63
3	(3)	4324	PERSIAN PHOENIX (17)(A)	C Johnston 3 9 6.....	Oisin Orr 64
4	(2)	5-31	NATURALIA (20)(S)	D Whillans 3 9 6.....	A Mullen 63
5	(6)	56L-	ROSE BRANCH (180)	H Palmer 3 9 6.....	P Mulrennan 55
6	(4)	45-6	CAPELLINA (60)(P)	M Dods 3 9 5.....	C Beasley 61
7	(7)	134-	AMAYRETTO (233)(BF,D,G)	T Easterby 3 9 4.....	S B Kिरrane 61

Star Betting: 9-4 Naturalia, 3 Persian Phoenix, 6 Amayretto
7 Banner Road, Capellina, 15-2 Rose Branch, 12 Takes Time.
STARFORM: PERSIAN PHOENIX DANGER: Amayretto

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7 Banner Road, Capellina, 15-2 Rose Branch, 12 Takes Time.

STARFORM: PERSIAN PHOENIX DANGER: Amayretto

5.25 RACINGTV.COM HANDICAP

Class 6 1m 1f (10 runners) £3,664

1 (7)	25LL	ZUMAATY (33)(D,A,S)	J Goldie 6 9 10.....	Kaiya Fraser (5) *64
2 (4)	2413	HOT TEAM (13)(C,D3,A,G,S)(B)	P Morris 8 9 9.....	Rhys Elliott (7) 60
3 (11)	L035	PACO'S PRIDE (16)	D Bourke 4 9 7.....	Mark Winn (3) 62
4 (2)	006	ANITA'S (12)(T) Paul Taylor (IRE)	7 9 7.....	Oisín Orr 61
5 (3)	3-06	PROPAGATION (16)(P) D Sayer 6 9 9.....		B Costello 61
6 (10)	005	THE MOUNTAIN (16)(P) D Sayer 6 9 9.....		M Muller 61
7 (10)	-020	NATIONAL QUESTION (7)(P) A Nicol 4 9 9.....		R Robinson 59
8 (3)	L0/5	PENelope's SISTER (48) J Goldie 4 9 9.....		P Mulrennan 61
9 (1)	6532	FANZONE (14)(B,F,G,B) L Bailey 7 9 9.....		DOUBTFUL 61
10 (9)	06LL	BEST GUESS (19)(B) F Murtugh 4 9 9.....		W Peale 51
11 (6)	0055	KNIGHT OF (12)(H) C Grant 5 9 9.....		C Beasley 51
12 (1)	005	KNIGHT OF (12)(H) C Grant 5 9 9.....		C Beasley 51

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TOP SECRETS FROM THE TRADING ROOM

William HILL

Lee Phelps, spokesperson for William Hill, says...

AFTER a good day for us yesterday, day two of Royal Ascot begins with the Queen Mary Stakes (2.30) for the fastest two-year-old fillies around.

Aidan O'Brien is hunting a fourth win in this race and his runner **TRULY ENCHANTING** has been supported at 7-1, while at bigger prices there's been money for **KASSAYA**, who is into 12-1 from 16-1.

MINA RASHID is the big springer in the Queen's Vase (3.05) market, having shortened into 12-1 from 22-1. **BIRDMAN** has also been popular nearer the head of the market.

In the Duke Of Cambridge Stakes (3.45), Joseph O'Brien's **ROGUE MILLENNIUM** is expected to come on from her reappearance last time out and is a strong favourite at 10-3.

In the day's feature, the Prince Of Wales's Stakes

(4:25), punters seem to want to take on market leaders Auguste Rodin and Inspirail, and **ALFLAILA**, 15-2 from 17-2, and French raider **BLUE ROSE CEN** are the two they seem to be latching on to.

The Royal Hunt Cup (5:05) is always a real cavalry charge and several horses have been popular at the head of the market.

WILD TIGER is expected to improve for this step up in trip and is now favourite at 8-1 having opened at 10-1, while Wathnan runners **REAL GAIN** and **BESHTANI** have both had their supporters.

However, it's Archie Watson's **REGHEEB** who has been smashed into 18-1 from 40-1 and is our biggest liability at this stage.

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FIRST LOOK AT TOMORROW'S ROYAL ASCOT CARD

2.30 NORFOLK STAKES (GROUP 2) Class 1 2YO 5f (14 runners) £85,065

1 (13)	1	AESTERIUS (27)(D,G)	A Watson 9 3.....	W Buick
2 (14)	121	ARIZONA BLAZE (26)(D,G,S)	A Murray (IRE) 9 3.....	David Egan
3 (3)	1	BINADHAM (58)(D,G)	K P De Foy 9 3.....	B Sayette
4 (9)	51	BLINKY (23)(D,S)	E Walker 9 3.....	T Marquand
5 (1)	1	EVENING SAIGON (23)(D,S)	M O'Callaghan (IRE) 9 3.....	C T Keane

6 (8)	01	LOOM (15)(D,G)	R Fahey 9 3.....	B Garrity
7 (12)	1	MILFORD (22)(D,S)	K R Burke 9 3.....	C Lee
8 (10)	12	MOVING FORCE (12)(D,G)	R Fahey 9 3.....	Oisin Orr
9 (5)	122	ROCK HUNTER (28)(D,S)(P)	Miss A Murphy 9 3.....	S De Sousa
10 (4)	1	SHAREHOLDER (12)(D,G)	K R Burke 9 3.....	James Doyle
11 (7)	1	THE MAN (52)(D,A)	R Spencer 9 3.....	H Doyle
12 (2)	52	TROPICAL STORM (46)	A Balding 9 3.....	O Murphy
13 (11)	21	WHISTLEJACKET (45)(D,S)	A P O'Brien (IRE) 9 3.....	R L Moore
14 (6)	1	SATURDAY FLIRT (55)(D,G)(B)	W A Ward (USA) 9 0.....	J Rosario

Star Betting: 6-5 Whistlejacket, 11-2 Shareholder, 13-2 Saturday Flirt, 10 Aesterius, 12 Arizona Blaze, 14 Rock Hunter, 16 Milford, Evening Saigon, 20 others.
2023: Valiant Force 9 3, Rossa Ryan 150-1 (A Murray), drawn (5), 14 ran.

3.05 KING GEORGE V STAKES Class 2 3YO 1m 4f (20 runners) £56,694

1 (10)	-341	PERSICA (19)(A,G,S)	R Hannon 9 9.....	S M Levey
2 (17)	2-63	GASPER DE LEMOS (33)(BF)	A P O'Brien (IRE) 9 6.....	D McMonagle

3 (7)	3-13	CHANTILLY (33)(S)	A P O'Brien (IRE) 9 6.....	R L Moore
4 (18)	11-1	GOING THE DISTANCE (71)(A,S)	R Beckett 9 2.....	Rossa Ryan
5 (3)	14-1	NAVAL FORCE (38)(S)	Donnacha O'Brien (IRE) 9 1.....	G M Ryan
6 (6)	531	GILDED WATER (20)(S)	R Haggas 9 0.....	T Marquand
7 (2)	10-2	CITY BURLAR (40)(S)	R Beckett 9 0.....	S De Sousa
8 (14)	3-22	PONIROIS (33)(S)	R Beckett 9 0.....	David Egan
9 (13)	-111	FOURONEHFEVER (26)(D2,A,G,S)	G Boughey 8 12.....	Billy Loughnane

10 (5)	61-0	KAMBOO (19)(A)	R Hughes 8 11.....	R Kingscote
11 (4)	-514	WARDA JAMILA (18)(BF,C,G,S)	A Balding 8 10.....	O Murphy
12 (12)	04-2	FRENCH DUKE (34)	R Varian 8 10.....	W Buick
13 (15)	2-21	GALLANTLY (43)(G)	A P O'Brien (IRE) 8 10.....	W M Lordan
14 (9)	11-3	NESKI SHERELSKI (38)(A)	J P O'Brien (IRE) 8 9.....	M Guyon
15 (18)	4-46	GO DADDY (33)(S)	W Muir & C Grassick 8 9.....	L Edmunds
16 (6)	52-3	AUTUMN WINTER (74)(BF)	A P O'Brien (IRE) 8 8.....	J Crowley
17 (16)	441	HIGHLAND BLING (13)(D,G)(P)	J Harrington (IRE) 8 6.....	Miss Rachel King

18 (1)	6212	EAST INDIA DOCK (19)(D,S)	J Fanshawe 8 6.....	S Osborne
19 (20)	1-43	ASSAILANT (64)(A)(B)	J T Gosden 8 5.....	RESERVE
20 (11)	221	CANDLE OF DUBAI (14)(A)	C Johnston 8 3.....	RESERVE

Star Betting: 6 Chantilly, 7 Going The Distance, Ponirois, 8 Gilded Water, French Duke, 10 Persica, Fouronehfever, Kamboo, 14 others.
2023: Desert Hero 8 13, Tom Marquand 18-1 (W Haggas), drawn (21), 19 ran.

3.45 RIBBLESDALE STAKES (FILLIES' GROUP 2) Class 1 3YO 1m 4f (13 runners) £154,818

1 (9)	3-213	DANIELLE (40)(BF,S)	J T Gosden 9 2.....	K Shoemark
2 (11)	11	DIAMOND RAIN (33)(C,G)	C Appleby 9 2.....	W Buick
3 (4)	110	FOREST FAIRY (20)(D,A,G)	R Beckett 9 2.....	Rossa Ryan
4 (8)	43-1L	HIGHER LEAVES (40)(A)	H De Bromhead (IRE) 9 2.....	S Foley
5 (5)	012-33	JE ZOUS (40)(BF,S)	J P O'Brien (IRE) 9 2.....	D McMonagle
6 (1)	1212	KALPANA (46)(BF,A,G)	A Balding 9 2.....	O Murphy
7 (6)	051-11	LAVA STREAM (11)(G,S)(H)	D O'Meara 9 2.....	D Tudhope
8 (10)	0-12	PORT FAIRY (43)(A)(V)	A P O'Brien (IRE) 9 2.....	R L Moore
9 (7)	41	QUEENS FORT (19)(D,A)	J T Gosden 9 2.....	R Havlin
10 (11)	3-220	RUBIES ARE RED (20)	A P O'Brien (IRE) 9 2.....	W M Lordan
11 (3)	40125	SHEEMA'S ROSE (18)(S)	Mme A Karkosa (FR) 9 2.....	T Marquand
12 (13)	13	SIYOLA (33)(G)	J T Gosden 9 2.....	James Doyle
13 (12)	15-14	YOU GOT TO ME (20)(D,A,G)	R Beckett 9 2.....	H Crouch

Star Betting: 7-4 Diamond Rain, 7 Kalpana, 15-2 You Got To Me, 8 Danielle, Port Fairy, 10 Forest Fairy, 12 Rubies Are Red, 14 Siyola, 20 others.
2023: Warm Heart 9 2, Ryan Moore 13-2 (A P O'Brien), drawn (16), 17 ran.

4.25 GOLD CUP (GROUP 1) Class 1 2m 4f (10 runners) £368,615

1 (10)	1L5-01	COLTRANE (50)(CD,C2,F,G)(P)	A Balding 7 9 4.....	O Murphy
2 (1)	-21205	ENEMY (42)(C,A,F,G)(T)	I Williams 7 9 4.....	R Kingscote
3 (8)	/22-11	KYPRIOS (34)(CD,D,F,G,S)	A P O'Brien (IRE) 6 9 4.....	R L Moore
4 (6)	1-5211	PRYDWEN (53)(A,G)	G Scott 6 9 4.....	C Shepherd
5 (9)	223-31	SWEET WILLIAM (28)(F,G,S)(V)	J T Gosden 5 9 4.....	R Havlin
6 (3)	0111-3	TRAWLERMAN (82)(C,A,F,G)(H)	J T Gosden 6 9 4.....	W Buick
7 (4)	114-43	TRUESHAN (28)(C3,D2,A,G,S)	A King 8 9 4.....	H Doyle
8 (5)	/110-2	VAUBAN (34)(C,G,S)(T)	W P Mullins (IRE) 6 9 4.....	C T Keane
9 (2)	1135-3	GREGORY (34)(C,G)	J T Gosden 4 9 3.....	James Doyle
10 (7)	231-22	CAIUS CHORISTER (28)(BF,F,G)	D Menuisier 5 9 1.....	B Sayette

Star Betting: 4-5 Kyprios, 11-2 Gregory, 13-2 Vauban, 8 Trawlerman, 12 Caius Chorister, 14 Coltrane, 16 others.
2023: Courage Mon Ami 4 9 3, Frankie Dettori 15-2 (J T Gosden), drawn (9), 12 ran.

5.05 BRITANNIA STAKES (HERITAGE HANDICAP) (STR) Class 2 3YO 1m (33 runners) £61,848

1 (23)	13-2	KING'S GAMBLE (19)(BF,G)	R Beckett 9 9.....	D Tudhope
2 (28)	21-23	WHIP CRACKER (48)(A)	R Hughes 8.....	J Crowley
3 (27)	445-11	FOLLOW ME (26)(G)	R O'Sullivan (IRE) 9 7.....	S Foley
4 (24)	35-115	BERGAMASCO (75)(D3,A)	J Davison (IRE) 9 6.....	R Whelan
5 (22)	14L-40	STARLORE (26)(G)	Sir M Stoute 9 5.....	R Kingscote
6 (6)	1210L	CUBAN TIGER (55)(D,A)	K R Burke 9 5.....	C Lee
7 (10)	30-106	WATCH MY TRACER (32)(A,F,G)(H)	G Scott 5.....	H Turner
8 (8)	30-624	BLUE LEMONS (26)(S)	R Hannon 9 5.....	J P Spencer
9 (19)	12-32	INVOLVEMENT (26)(F)	S & E Crisford 9 3.....	C Shepherd
10 (18)	16050-	BOBSLEIGH (302)(F)	E J-Houghton 9 3.....	C Bishop
11 (17)	121-30	DRAGON LEADER (26)(F,G)	C Cox 9 2.....	K Shoemark
12 (9)	035-02	SON OF MAN (11)(G)	J Chapple-Hyam 9 0.....	David Egan
13 (20)	310-11	WATCHA MATEY (19)(D,F,G)	H Palmer 9 0.....	C T Keane
14 (21)	4-1201	VERCORS (30)(S)(P)	F Chappet (FR) 9 0.....	Aurelien Lemaître
15 (1)	15-2	COGITATE (92)(G)	C Hills 9 0.....	H Doyle
16 (5)	1124	CRACKING GOLD (55)(A)	C Cox 8 13.....	Rossa Ryan
17 (33)	210-12	MISSION TO MOON (20)(BF,S)	R Varian 8 13.....	O Murphy
18 (25)	1-2341	DASHING DARCEY (12)(D3,A,G)	R Varian 8 13.....	S De Sousa
19 (29)	312-1	QIRAT (26)(A,G)	R Beckett 8 13.....	H Crouch

5.40 HAMPTON COURT STAKES (GROUP 3) Class 1 3YO 1m 2f (12 runners) £85,065

1 (9)	12-1	AL MUSMAK (35)(C,G,S)	R Varian 9 2.....	S De Sousa
2 (2)	1-10	BELLUM JUSTUM (19)(D,G)	A Balding 9 2.....	O Murphy
3 (1)	5-12	BRACKEN'S LAUGH (42)(A,S)	R Hughes 9 2.....	D Tudhope
4 (10)	-316	CAVARI HEIGHTS (35)(D,G)	K R Burke 9 2.....	C Lee
5 (3)	-322	FIRST LOOK (18)(A)	A Fabre (FR) 9 2.....	James Doyle
6 (12)	0-13	JAYAREBE (42)(BF,G)	B Meehan 9 2.....	S M Levey
7 (7)	12-1	KING'S GAMBIT (33)(D,G,S)	Harry Chilton 9 2.....	W Buick
8 (6)	-241	PORTLAND (14)(G,S)	A P O'Brien (IRE) 9 2.....	R L Moore
9 (4)	1-33	SONS AND LOVERS (28)(G)	J Chapple-Hyam 9 2.....	T Marquand
10 (11)	5-22	STROMBERG (25)	J P O'Brien (IRE) 9 2.....	D McMonagle
11 (5)	21-3	TARAJ (39)(A)	D K Weld (IRE) 9 2.....	David Egan
12 (8)	1-45	UNDER THE SUN (55)(G)(T)	H Palmer 9 2.....	Rossa Ryan

Star Betting: 5-2 King's Gambit, 4 First Look, 6 Bracken's Laugh, 8 Jayarebe, Portland, 12 Sons And Lovers, 14 others.
2023: Waipiro 9 2, Tom Marquand 7-1 (E Walker), drawn (7), 16 ran.

6.15 BUCKINGHAM PALACE STAKES (HANDICAP) Class 2 7f (32 runners) £56,694

1 (32)	-540	MAKE ME KING (33)(D,A,S)(P)	H Al Jahani (UAE) 4 9 12.....	W Buick
2 (18)	-502	NORTHERN EXPRESS (35)(D5,G,S)	M Dods 6 9 12.....	P Muirrennan
3 (22)	630-	AWAAL (243)(BF,A,S)(T)	S & E Crisford 5 9 11.....	O Murphy
4 (21)	5-30	MOSTABSHIR (40)(A)	J & T Gosden 4 9 11.....	J Crowley
5 (23)	-001	CARRYTHEONE (32)(D2,G,H)	M Ball 7 9 10.....	P Dobbs
6 (16)	-540	BARADAR (26)(BF,C,D4,G,S)(P)	G Boughey 6 9 10.....	David Egan
7 (29)	4061	RHOSCOLYN (20)(D7,G,S)(T)	D O'Meara 6 9 10.....	J P Spencer
8 (12)	62-5	ROPEY GUEST (40)(D2,A,G,S)(V)	G Margaron 7 9 9.....	T P Queally
9 (1)	3-21	PERCY'S LAD (41)(G)	D & C Kubler 6 9 8.....	R Kingscote
10 (10)	5000	TACARISH BAY (39)(D,A,S)(P)	R Hannon 5 9 8.....	Alec Volkhansky (3)
11 (26)	2-21	ENGLISH OAK (26)(D,G,S)	E Walker 4 9 8.....	James Doyle
12 (9)	6-10	MR PROFESSOR (47)(A,F,S)	D Davis 5 9 7.....	S De Sousa
13 (2)	-601	FINN'S CHARM (11)(D2,G,S)	C Johnston 4 9 7(5ex).....	J Fanning
14 (25)	05-4	ALZAHIR (41)(D,A,G)(H,T)	D O'Meara 4 9 5.....	D Tudhope
15 (24)	-130	BOPEDRO (20)(D3,G,S)(V)	D O'Meara 4 9 5.....	Jason Watson
16 (11)	-042	DARK THIRTY (20)(D2,G)	R Hannon 4 9 5.....	S M Levey
17 (3)	0-42	GORAK (33)(D2,G,S)(P)	C Followes 5 9 5.....	C Shepherd
18 (28)	-013	DIVINE LIBRA (33)(BF,D2,G,S)	C Hills 4 9 4.....	R L Moore
19 (31)	5066	KOY KOY (20)(BF,D,A,G)(T)	G Boughey 5 9 4.....	Billy Loughnane
20 (27)	0053	THE X O (20)(A)	J Ryan 4 9 4.....	Rossa Ryan
21 (19)	22119	BILLYJOH (12)(BF,A,G)	M Appleby 4 9 2.....	H Doyle
22 (13)	50L0	SUMMERGHAND (33)(A,G,S)(V)	D O'Meara 10 9 2.....	D McMonagle
23 (30)	-505	FRESH (12)(CD2,C,A,G,S)(T)	J Fanshawe 7 9 1.....	H Turner
24 (20)	03-0	MAYWAKE (19)(D5,A,G,S)	R Fahey 6 9 1.....	Oisin Orr
25 (6)	-235	SOUS LA NEIGE (20)(A)	G Hernon (FR) 4 9 1.....	T Marquand
26 (5)	10-1	KINGS TIME (41)(D2,G)(T)	J Harrington (IRE) 4 9 1.....	S Foley
27 (4)	6220	GREATGADIAN (83)(A,G)	R Varian 6 9 1.....	A Keeley (3)
28 (17)	30L1	STERLING KNIGHT (7)(C,D5,A,G,S)(P)	E Dunlop 5 9 1(5ex).....	C T Keane
29 (10)	-100	MUSTAJAB (12)(D2,A,S)	W Muir & C Grassick 4 9 0.....	L Edmunds
30 (15)	3-50	ARABIAN STORM (40)(D,A)	A Balding 4 9 0.....	RESERVE
31 (7)	0L00	LONDONER (51)(A)	J Goldie 4 8 13.....	RESERVE
32 (8)	6-L0	CATCH THE PADDY (35)(D,G)	K Ryan 4 8 13.....	RESERVE

Star Betting: 5 English Oak, 8 Divine Libra, 10 Mostabshir, 12 Northern Express, Awaal, 14 Percy's Lad, 16 others.
2023: Witch Hunter 4 9 2, Jamie Spencer 50-1 (R Hannon), drawn (24), 29 ran.

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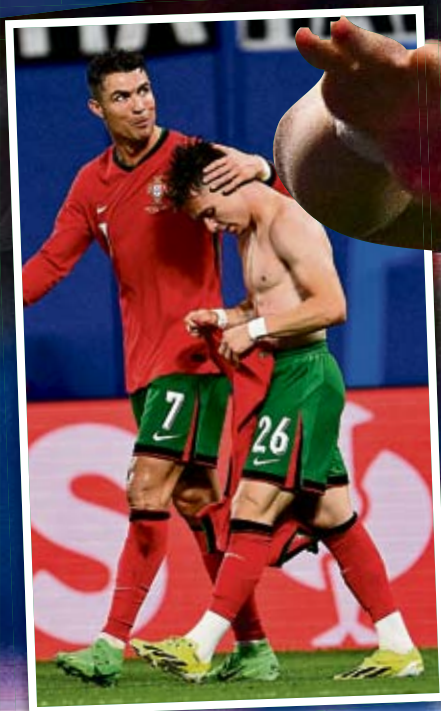
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FRAN-TASTIC:
Conceicao enjoys
his winning goal and
(left) is congratulated
by Cristiano Ronaldo



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STORM**

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BARE SKILLS

**Wonderkid
Francisco's
a 2-minute
supersub**

PORTUGAL 2 CZECH REP 1

■ by **SIMON MULLOCK**

FRANCISCO CONCEICAO proved a sensational late sub as he scored in stoppage time to earn Portugal and Cristiano Ronaldo a dramatic victory.

On his competitive debut, the 21-year-old son of former Portugal international Sergio Conceicao snatched the three points having been on the pitch for just 111 seconds.

He converted from eight yards after a low cross from another sub, Pedro Neto, had been blocked to complete the fight-back after the Czechs had at one stage led 1-0.

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A GULA SHAKER IS ARD LUCK ON BRAVE GEORGIA

GROUP F		
	TURKEY	3
	Muldur 25 Guler 65	
	Akturkoglu 90+7	
	GEORGIA	1
	Mikautadze 32	

BY **RICHARD LEWIS**
HISTORY was made in a match for the ages at Dortmund's Westfalenstadion.

With a sensational goal to put Turkey 2-1 up - one of the best of the tournament so far - Arda Guler, the 'Turkish Messi', broke Cristiano Ronaldo's record by becoming the youngest player ever to score on his European Championship debut.

At 19 years and 114 days old, the Real Madrid star (above) curled home from 25 yards into the top corner (top picture).

Ronaldo had held the record with his stoppage-time goal as hosts Portugal's lost 2-1 to eventual winners Greece in 2004. He was 14 days older than Guler last night, but he has now been overtaken by another of the young stars of these Euros.

Less than a month ago, Guler became a Champions League winner with Real Madrid as a substitute in the final, and now he delivered something truly spectacular.

But he played down his record-breaking moment.

"I don't care about personal achievements," said Guler. "I'm all about the team and I'm delighted to pay my part."

Stunning strikes, drama until the final kick and 37

attempts on goal. What a match it was. As Turkey coach Vincenzo Montella said: "It was a match worthy of the finals. I'm turning 52 today so this was the best present I could have received."

Turkey triumphed against opponents making their debut at an international tournament but Georgia were so close to snatching a draw.

In a sensational finale, Turkey's Samet Akaydin made an amazing block to keep out a chance from Budu Zivzivadze.

From the resulting corner, with Georgia's goalkeeper Giorgi Mamardashvili in the opposition box, Turkey won possession and Kerem Akturkoglu broke clear from inside his own half.

He ran until 25 yards out from the empty Georgia goal before slotting the ball home to spark delirious celebrations.

Turkey took the lead after 25 minutes as Mert Muldur crashed home a superb volley. Nine minutes later Georgia were level.

Georges Mikautadze's scored Georgia's first goal in a tournament with a quick-fire strike at the near post.

Guler struck in the 65th minute for 2-1 before the dramatic finale.

TURKEY		GEORGIA
53%	POSSESSION	47%
8	SHOTS ON TARGET	4
7	SHOTS OFF TARGET	6
5	CORNERS	5
2	OFFSIDE	1
10	FOULS	7
0	CARDS	1
2		0
Referee: Facundo Tello (Argentina)		

FRANTASY FINISH

Sub Francisco Conceicao grabs a dramatic late winner for Portugal to sink Czechs



SUBLIME FINISH

Conceicao comes on for just
three minutes to steal victory



GROUP D	PORTUGAL 2
	Hranac 69 og, Conceicao 90+2
	CZECH REP 1
	Provod 62

BY **SIMON MULLOCK**
IT IS tough to drop a player with 130 international goals and five Ballon d'Or trophies - even if he is just seven months shy of his 40th birthday.

But Roberto Martinez must now decide whether his threat to Cristiano Ronaldo was real or just a soundbite for the cameras.

Substitute Francisco Conceicao's emphatic close-range finish three minutes from time gave Portugal a win that their superiority deserved.

But, after insisting on the eve of the game that Ronaldo does not get into his team on reputation alone, Martinez might find his No.7 continues to be the main topic of conversation.

If a couple of journeymen Czech defenders can put the squeeze on your star forward, then it surely can't be long until his time is up.

Five years ago, Ronaldo would have left Leipzig with the match ball and the headlines.

In 2024, he was relieved that Robin Hranac's unfortunate 69th-minute own goal wiped out Lukas Provod's spectacular opener before Conceicao came on to win the game late on.

The stadium announcer informed the 40,000 crowd that it was Ronaldo's goal after the otherwise outstanding Czech keeper Jindrich Stanek had palmed the ball against the legs of Hranac and seen it roll back into his goal.

Even Portugal's No.7 looked embarrassed by the call.

Seven minutes earlier, Ivan Hasek's underdogs struck with a bolt from the blue when Provod fired a glorious effort from 25 yards that curled away from Portugal keeper Diogo Costa and flew in off the post.

Martinez never got the best out of Belgium's generation. Little wonder he celebrated the equaliser with a furious wave of his fist. Portugal thought they

had won it four minutes from time when Diogo Jota bundled the ball home from close-range (above) after Ronaldo's header had hit the post, but VAR spotted that the No.7 had strayed offside. But Hasek's men could not keep the Portuguese at bay much longer.

The first chance Ronaldo had to add to his international haul saw him power those neck muscles into Rafael Leao's early cross, but the ball bounced off his shoulder and bounced wide.

He was twice denied by Stanek, the Czech keeper keeping his nerve to stand up before diverting Ronaldo's effort away with an outstretched arm before beating away another shot just before the break.

Bruno Fernandes was Portugal's most creative force.

The Manchester United captain saw one long-ranger dip just too late after taking a deflection before serving up a cross for Leao that the winger just failed to reach as he slid in at the far post.

The Czechs are inexperienced in more ways than one.

Hasek has the youngest squad at the tournament.

And, although he has West Ham pair Tomas Soucek and Vladimir Coufal as well as Bayer Leverkusen's Bundesliga winner Patrik Schick, the rest of his starting team ply their trade with Slavia Prague and Viktoria Plzen.

But they fought for every ball.

When Ruben Dias whipped a cross in just after the break, it appeared that Ronaldo must score until Hranac threw his head at the ball to deny him once again.

When Provod struck, another shock looked on the cards - until fortune turned the game Portugal's way in time added on.

PORTUGAL: Diogo Costa 6; Ruben Dias 6, Pepe 6, Nuno Mendes 6; Dalot 6, Bernardo Silva 6, Bruno Fernandes 7, Vitinha 8, Rafael Leao 7, Joao Cancelo 6; Ronaldo 6. **Subs:** Goncalo Inacio 5 (Dalot 63), Jota 6 (Leao 63), Conceicao 7 (Vitinha 90), Semedo 5 (Cancelo 90), Neto 5 (Mendes 90)

CZECH REPUBLIC: Stanek 7; Hranac 7, Krejci 7, Holes 7; Soucek 6; Coufal 6, Provod 7, Sulc 6, Doudera 5; Schick 5, Kuchta 5. **Subs:** Chytil 5 (Schick 57), Lingr 5 (Kuchta 60), Barak 5 (Provod 79), Sevcik 5 (Sulc 79), Chory 5 (Holes 93)

GROUP F TABLE									
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		
Turkey	1	1	0	0	3	1	3		
Portugal	1	1	0	0	2	1	3		
Czech rep	1	0	0	1	1	2	0		
Georgia	1	0	0	1	1	3	0		

PORTUGAL	CZECH REP
70% POSSESSION	30%
7 SHOTS ON TARGET	1
13 SHOTS OFF TARGET	1
5 CORNERS	0
0 OFFSIDE	0
6 FOULS	6
0 2 CARDS	1 0
Referee: Marco Guida (Italy)	

SHARED GOALS

Musiala and Bellingham, right, both scored in their countries' opening games of the Euros

GERMANY:

Neuer; Kimmich, Rudiger, Tah, Mittelstadt; Andrich, Kroos; Musiala, Gundogan, Wirtz; Havertz.

HUNGARY:

Gulacsi; Lang, Orban, Szalai; Bolla, A. Nagy, Schafer, Kerkez; Sallai, Szoboszlai, Varga.

REF: D Makkelie (NED)

TV: BBC

JAMAL AND CREAM

Young midfield maestros 'ready to rule world'

GERMANY v HUNGARY

GROUP A: Stuttgart Arena
TONIGHT, KICK-OFF 5PM (BBC)

BY RYAN TAYLOR

JUDE BELLINGHAM and Jamal Musiala have the tools to dominate world football.

That is the view of Germany coach Julian Nagelsmann after the two young attacking midfield stars both got off the mark in their countries' opening games at Euro 2024.

Nagelsmann said: "Jude and Jamal are two great players but also two very different ones."

"Jude is more box-to-box, he works with his body while Jamal is more about dribbling ability."

"Both score goals, both are super talented and are going to have amazing futures."

"I've known Jamal for a long time, but I've also heard so many good things about Jude from those that know him and have worked with him."

"They will develop together in the next few years and perhaps they can have a big duel for years

to come. When they push each other it's good for us, it's good for everyone – the sport, the national team, their clubs."

Germany can book their place in the knockout stages with victory over Hungary tonight, while their opponents could be on the brink of elimination if they fail to avenge their 3-1 defeat by Switzerland in Cologne.

Nagelsmann, right, has warned his side they cannot afford to give away soft free-kicks, with the dead-ball quality of Dominik Szoboszlai, of Liverpool, a major threat.

The Germany coach said: "With free-kicks Hungary are very dangerous. In European qualifiers they were the second best team from scoring from free-kicks."

"That's why we shouldn't give away fouls or free-kicks. I don't want to go into too much detail about their weaknesses. I have also briefed my players on the threat of

Hungary's strikers and I want them to put it into action on the field."

Germany have a fully fit squad following their 5-1 demolition of Scotland in Munich after Ilkay Gundogan escaped injury from Ryan Porteous' horror lunge at the Allianz Arena.

Nagelsmann took the chance to explain why he named the oldest Germany squad since 2000 for this Euros.

He said: "It's important to have a mix of experienced and young, talented players. The atmosphere in our camp is excellent."

"The connections between the older and younger players are also good. We need more young players for the future, but not yet at this tournament."

Niclas Fullkrug and Emre Can are both pushing for starts after scoring from off the bench against Scotland, but Nagelsmann is expected to name an unchanged German team.



ORBAN RELISHING ANOTHER BIG OCCASION

BY RYAN TAYLOR

HUNGARY defender Willi Orban has warned Germany his side find it "easier against big nations".

The RB Leipzig captain, right, was part of the Hungary team that demolished England 4-0 at Molineux in June 2022



and now they are targeting another major upset against the hosts.

Orban said: "It's easier to play against big nations. We often get surprises and we do particularly well against the Germans."

"Now, thanks to recent results, we can proudly enter the field. If

we do our best, we have a good chance of advancing."

The 31-year-old knows the majority of the German squad from the Bundesliga and he is an admirer of their attacking quality.

He added: "German virtues are back. The squad are made up of the right players with the right hierarchy, so you can count on a strong German team here."

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IT'S TIME TO SHINE
Clarke, left, sheltering fans, inset, and, below, McGregor and Robertson in 5-1 rout

SCOTLAND:
Gunn; Forrest, McKenna, Hanley, Tierney, Robertson; Gilmour, McGregor, McTominay, McGinn; Shankland
SWITZERLAND:
Sommer; Schar, Akanji, Rodriguez; Widmer, Khaka, Freuler, Aebischer; Vargas, Duah, Ndoye
REF: I Kruzliak (SVK)
TV: BBC

Clarke's demand to lift cloud over Scots

SCOTLAND v SWITZERLAND
GROUP A: Cologne Stadium
TONIGHT, KICK-OFF 8pm (BBC)

FROM **KEITH JACKSON** in Cologne
SCOTLAND manager Steve Clarke arrived here in storm battered Cologne last night - and immediately warned his players they could sink their Euro 2024 dream by playing for a draw against the Swiss.

Clarke kept his messaging brief at the official pre-match press conference by admitting his team "must do better" as thunder and lightning ripped through Rhineland ahead of the game which could either send them home early or set up a qualification decider against Hungary on Sunday.

A point would be enough to keep the Scots alive heading into that final Group A game in Stuttgart.

But the manager insists there will be no confusion over the target he has set.

Clarke said: "To go into the game thinking we only need a point is dangerous. So we'll go there to win it and to be as positive as we can. Then we'll see where that takes us."

"But it's more about making sure we perform as well as we can play. If we can do that we'll be pretty

confident that we can get something from the game."

Clarke was keen to keep it brief in front of the cameras and to avoid making promises which cannot be kept.

But repeatedly, he demanded a massive uplift in performance after that opening night 5-1 thrashing against Germany in Munich.

He said: "The Swiss are a difficult opponent so I expect a difficult game. But for us, we need to regroup and go again."

"It's about doing better. I don't want to put any labels on it. It's about doing better and working better into the game. We thought we were well prepared for Germany and we weren't."

"So this time we don't want to say too much and hopefully our actions on the pitch will show that we have prepared well. And a positive result would be lovely."

Asked if his players are itching for the opportunity to get back into tournament action he said: "They want to go back out on the pitch and play better."

"That's pretty standard when you have played so poorly and

you've let yourself down. You want to go out and make amends for it and that's where their mentality is."

"It's always important for players to keep their emotions in check and understand what we need to get from the game. To understand how we approach the game."

"We didn't start well at all against Germany. After seven minutes we were chasing the game and after 20 minutes it was looking like a long night. So we need to make sure that we start well and do better. Make sure we get a good foothold in the game right from the start."

Clarke admits he cannot be certain what to expect from Switzerland manager Murat Yakin whose side opened up with a 3-1 win over Hungary.

He said: "He tweaked the system on Saturday and the way he used certain players within that system. Whether they used that specifically for the Hungarians or whether they have something up their sleeve for us, we won't know until we get on the pitch."

"We have to be prepared for anything and be as well prepared as we can be. We think we are."



AKANJI WARNS OF TRIPLE THREAT TO SWISS

By **CHARLIE GORDON**
MANUEL AKANJI expects a dramatic improvement from Scotland's Premier League contingent against Switzerland tonight.

The Scots will have a point to prove after Germany hammered them 5-1. Swiss defender Akanji, right,

said: "They lost the first game and didn't show their best performance."

We have to be ready from the start because they can play a lot better."

The 28-year-old is familiar with several Scottish players due to spending the past two years at Manchester City. Three in particular

stick out to him as potential threats to Switzerland, who beat Hungary 3-1 in their opener.

"John McGinn had a great season, so did Scott McTominay. He scored a lot of goals," said Akanji.

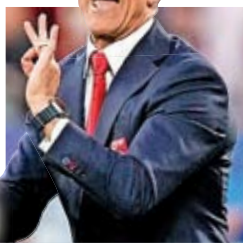
"McGinn has a great impact in attack but also works hard against the ball. Andy Robertson has been at Liverpool for a long time and he is dangerous coming down the wing."



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ALBANIAN
EYES ON
SYLV LINING

CROATIA v ALBANIA

GROUP B: Volksparkstadion, Hamburg
TODAY, KICK-OFF 2pm (ITV)

BY CHARLIE GORDON

SYLVINHO is relishing the role of playing the plucky underdog with Albania.

The former Arsenal and Manchester City full-back, who has been in charge of the Eagles since January, is in the 'group of death' in his first major tournament as a manager.

And there is no let up for his side after Saturday's defeat to Italy, as Albania face Croatia today before a date with Spain to round off Group B.

"This is a very tough group, definitely," he said. "But I believe it can be a true joy for us, being here.

"We're playing against the best teams and we can learn from them.

"It's a joy facing players from Manchester City, Real Madrid, Inter Milan. That's a great thing. It's a beautiful tournament and we have a lot to learn, but we're there.

"Against Italy we respected the other side, but we were there until the

very end and almost got a draw. Perhaps tomorrow we might win, who knows?"

Albania and Croatia will both be desperate for all three points after losing their opening group-stage matches.

Sylvinho's side were beaten 2-1 in Dortmund, despite scoring the fastest goal in Euros history with Nedim Bajrami's 23-second strike. Croatia, meanwhile, were hammered 3-0 by Spain in Berlin.

But Sylvinho (above) is not reading too much

CROATIA:

Livakovic, Stanisic, Sutalo, Gvardiol, Sosa, Modric, Brozovic, Kovacic, Majer, Budimir, Kramaric.

ALBANIA: Strakosha, Hysaj, Ajeti, Djimsiti, Mitaj, Ramadani, Bajrami, Asllani, Asani, Broja, Seferi.

REF: Francois Letexier (France).

into that scoreline, and the Albania boss insists Croatia's formidable midfield trio still gives him cause for concern.

He said: "(Marcelo)

Brozovic, (Luka) Modric, (Mateo) Kovacic - they're very strong. I know them, they're very skilled and they've had great careers.

"Midfield is definitely an area of the pitch where they have top-quality players.

"They're very good at passing and we must prepare well for that challenge.

"It's definitely something we'll be thinking about."



PASS MASTER

Johan Cruyff with his trickery in 1974 and (right) at World Cup



DUTCH OF CLASS

Turning back time to celebrate Cruyff's magic moment

EXCLUSIVE

BY JOHN CROSS

FIFTY years later, the name lives on through one of football's most inspirational pieces of genius.

Dortmund is one of the hosts of Euro 2024 and it was there, on June 19, 1974, in the 24th minute of Holland's World Cup group match with Sweden, that the 'Cruyff turn' was born.

Dutch legend Johan Cruyff produced an instinctive piece of skill to glide past Swedish defender Jan Olsson.

Cruyff feigned a pass before dragging the ball behind his standing leg, turning 180 degrees and then accelerating away.

There have been players who claimed to have done it before and many who have used it since.

Pele in 1960. Or Hal Robson-Kanu's amazing goal for Wales at Euro 2016.

But it is forever known as the Cruyff turn because no one has done it quite like the Dutch

master. It lives on through the modern game and a whole new generation know it through video games who do nothing else but call it the Cruyff turn.

It is why his son, Jordi, takes so much pride in his father's legacy.

It also helps the Cruyff Foundation live on and thrive because his name is so powerful that his family can champion projects and sport for children regardless of their race, religion, background or ability.

Jordi, 50, the former Manchester United and Barcelona winger (pictured above with his father), said: "I think it's amazing that any player is remembered by a specific action.

"And the fact that he has the Cruyff turn and most people in football - all the pros, but most people in football - know what

it means, it is something to be proud of.

"Even my father, I'm sure, was proud because it was a special move and when they call a move by your name, then that's probably the best legacy you can have. It's amazing, I don't think there's

many players who can say this. It gives him a legendary status.

"My father was not a big supporter of video games and all those kind of things but even the young kids now know the meaning of the Cruyff turn and they can show you. I think that's

amazing. His name lives on in that aspect.

"The fact there is two stadiums with his name - the big Ajax stadium, of course, but also the Barcelona one, which is their second stadium - but also the statues. I don't think there's many

footballers who can say they have two stadiums and two statues named after them.

"People like Pep Guardiola always mention my father when they win, even though all the credit should go to Guardiola himself. He always has kind words.

"My father was humble. He did not always keep prizes. He won three Golden Balls and it took us three years to find them! If I won a Golden Ball, then I would sleep every night beside it.

"It took years to find out where he left them and he left them in different places. That was also my father, because he did not really care about these things.

"There's not one day that I don't get someone coming up to me, even in the street, feeling the need to say what my father meant to them.

"As his son, I can only say that he is one of those immortal people in sport because 99 per cent of us come, then we go, but his image and his legacy remains."

BATTLE OF
BELG WAS
TEAM WIN

BY CHARLIE GORDON

MARTIN DUBRAVKA believes Slovakia beat a team of individuals in their surprise win over Belgium on Monday.

The Newcastle stopper (above) withstood a Belgian barrage en route to a 1-0 win in Group E.

And it came as no shock to Dubravka that team spirit won the day.

He said: "It is a big surprise probably for so many people in the world, but I said before the game that team spirit will always beat individuals. We have a better team. They have great individuals."

Belgium were widely expected to cast aside Monday's opponents, who are 45 places below them in the world rankings. But Ivan Schranz's early strike

proved decisive. And two Romelu Lukaku goals were disallowed in the second half to compound Belgium's misery.

With three points on the board and their toughest group game out of the way, Slovakia are revved up heading into clashes with Ukraine and Romania.

"This is just the start," added Dubravka. "It shows that the group is very tight. Anyone can beat anyone. We just try to do our best, get some points and hopefully get through.

"We are the outsiders of the tournament.

That's what everyone said, they put us in that situation. It's OK. If you want to put it in this way, fine. But we have confidence and this will give us even more."



ANYTHING YOU KANU...

MOST FAMOUS 'CRUYFF
TURN' AT THE EUROS

HAL ROBSON-KANU went one better than Johann Cruyff - by recreating the Dutch legend's magic move, then scoring!

The Wales star (left) entered the 'Hal of Fame' with an audacious piece of skill in the 55th minute of the quarter-final with Belgium in Lille at the Euros in 2016.

With the score at 1-1, Robson-Kanu dragged the ball back to deceive Marouane Fellaini and Thomas Meunier, allowing him room to score. The Dragons went on to triumph 3-1.



GROUP A		GERMANY	SCOTLAND
		HUNGARY	SWITZERLAND
GERMANY	5	HUNGARY	1
Wirtz 20, Musiala 19, Havertz 45+1 pen, Fullkrug 68, Can 90+3		Varga 66	
SCOTLAND	1	SWITZERLAND	3
Rudiger 87 og		Duah 12, Aebischer 45, Embolo 90+3	
GERMANY		SCOTLAND	
HUNGARY		SWITZERLAND	
Stuttgart Arena		Cologne Stadium	
TONIGHT, KICK-OFF 5pm (BBC)		TONIGHT, KICK-OFF 8pm (BBC)	
SWITZERLAND		SCOTLAND	
GERMANY		HUNGARY	
Frankfurt Arena		Stuttgart Arena	
SUNDAY JUNE 23, KICK-OFF 8pm (BBC)		SUNDAY JUNE 23, KICK-OFF 8pm (BBC)	

GROUP B		SPAIN	CROATIA
		ITALY	ALBANIA
SPAIN	3	ITALY	2
Morata 29, Ruiz 32, Carvajal 45+2		Bastoni 11, Barella 16	
CROATIA	0	ALBANIA	1
		Bajrami 1	
CROATIA		SPAIN	
ALBANIA		ITALY	
Volksparkstadion Hamburg		Arena AufSchalke	
TODAY, KICK-OFF 2pm (ITV)		TOMORROW, KICK-OFF 8pm (ITV)	
CROATIA		ALBANIA	
ITALY		SPAIN	
Leipzig Stadium		Düsseldorf Arena	
MONDAY JUNE 24, KICK-OFF 8pm (BBC)		MONDAY JUNE 24, KICK-OFF 8pm (BBC)	

GROUP C		SLOVENIA	SERBIA
		DENMARK	ENGLAND
SLOVENIA	1	SERBIA	0
Janja 77			
DENMARK	1	ENGLAND	1
Eriksen 17		Bellingham 13	
SLOVENIA		DENMARK	
SERBIA		ENGLAND	
Munich Football Arena		Frankfurt Arena	
TOMORROW, KICK-OFF 2pm (ITV)		TOMORROW, KICK-OFF 5pm (BBC)	
ENGLAND		DENMARK	
SLOVENIA		SERBIA	
Cologne Stadium		Munich Football Arena	
TUESDAY JUNE 25, KICK-OFF 8pm (ITV)		TUESDAY JUNE 25, KICK-OFF 8pm (ITV)	

GROUP D		POLAND	HOLLAND
		AUSTRIA	FRANCE
POLAND	1	AUSTRIA	0
Buksa 16			
HOLLAND	2	FRANCE	1
Gakpo 29, Weghorst 83		Wober 38 og	
POLAND		HOLLAND	
AUSTRIA		FRANCE	
Olympiastadion Berlin		Leipzig Stadium	
FRIDAY JUNE 21, KICK-OFF 5pm (ITV)		FRIDAY JUNE 21, KICK-OFF 8pm (BBC)	
HOLLAND		FRANCE	
AUSTRIA		POLAND	
Olympiastadion Berlin		BVB Stadion Dortmund	
TUESDAY JUNE 25, KICK-OFF 5pm (BBC)		TUESDAY JUNE 25, KICK-OFF 5pm (BBC)	

GROUP E		BELGIUM	SLOVAKIA
		ROMANIA	UKRAINE
ROMANIA	3	BELGIUM	0
Stanciu 29, Marin 53, Dragus 57			
UKRAINE	0	SLOVAKIA	1
		Schranz 7	
SLOVAKIA		BELGIUM	
UKRAINE		ROMANIA	
Düsseldorf Arena		Cologne Stadium	
FRIDAY JUNE 21, KICK-OFF 2pm (BBC)		SATURDAY JUNE 22, KICK-OFF 8pm (ITV)	
SLOVAKIA		UKRAINE	
ROMANIA		BELGIUM	
Frankfurt Arena		Stuttgart Arena	
WEDNESDAY JUNE 26, KICK-OFF 5pm (BBC)		WEDNESDAY JUNE 26, KICK-OFF 5pm (BBC)	

GROUP F		TURKEY	GEORGIA
		PORTUGAL	CZECH REP
TURKEY	3	PORTUGAL	2
Muldur 25, Guler 65, Akturkoglu 90+7		Hranac 69 og, Conceicao 90+2	
GEORGIA	1	CZECH REP	1
Mikautadze 32		Provd 62	
GEORGIA		TURKEY	
CZECH REP		PORTUGAL	
Volksparkstadion Hamburg		BVB Stadion Dortmund	
SATURDAY JUNE 22, KICK-OFF 2pm (BBC)		SATURDAY JUNE 22, KICK-OFF 5pm (ITV)	
CZECH REP		GEORGIA	
TURKEY		PORTUGAL	
Volksparkstadion Hamburg		Arena AufSchalke	
WEDNESDAY JUNE 26, KICK-OFF 8pm (ITV)		WEDNESDAY JUNE 26, KICK-OFF 8pm (ITV)	

GROUP A TABLE										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
Germany	1	1	0	0	5	1	3			
Switzerland	1	1	0	0	3	1	3			
Hungary	1	0	0	1	1	3	0			
Scotland	1	0	0	1	1	5	0			

GROUP B TABLE										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
Spain	1	1	0	0	3	0	3			
Italy	1	1	0	0	2	1	3			
Albania	1	0	0	1	1	2	0			
Croatia	1	0	0	1	0	3	0			

GROUP C TABLE										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
England	1	1	0	0	1	0	3			
Denmark	1	0	1	0	1	1	1			
Slovenia	1	0	1	0	1	1	1			
Serbia	1	0	0	1	0	1	0			

GROUP D TABLE										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
Holland	1	1	0	0	2	1	3			
France	1	1	0	0	1	0	3			
Poland	1	0	0	1	1	2	0			
Austria	1	0	0	1	0	1	0			

GROUP E TABLE										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
Romania	1	1	0	0	3	0	3			
Slovakia	1	1	0	0	1	0	3			
Belgium	1	0	0	1	0	1	0			
Ukraine	1	0	0	1	0	3	0			

GROUP F TABLE										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
Turkey	1	1	0	0	3	1	3			
Portugal	1	1	0	0	2	1	3			
Czech Rep	1	0	0	1	1	2	0			
Georgia	1	0	0	1	1	3	0			

ROUND OF 16

GAME 37	1A	V	2C
BVB Stadion Dortmund SATURDAY JUNE 29, KICK-OFF 8pm (Dortmund)			
GAME 39	1B	V	3A/D/E/F
Cologne Stadium SUNDAY JUNE 30, KICK-OFF 8pm (Cologne)			
GAME 41	1F	V	3A/B/C
Frankfurt Arena MONDAY JULY 1, KICK-OFF 8pm (Frankfurt)			
GAME 43	1E	V	3A/B/C/D
Munich Football Arena TUESDAY JULY 2, KICK-OFF 5pm (Munich)			

GAME 38	2A	V	2B
Olympiastadion Berlin SATURDAY JUNE 29, KICK-OFF 5pm (Berlin)			
GAME 40	1C	V	3D/E/F
Arena AufSchalke SUNDAY JUNE 30, KICK-OFF 5pm (Gelsenkirchen)			
GAME 42	2D	V	2E
Düsseldorf Arena MONDAY JULY 1, KICK-OFF 5pm (Dusseldorf)			
GAME 44	1D	V	2F
Leipzig Stadium TUESDAY JULY 2, KICK-OFF 8pm (Leipzig)			

QUARTER-FINALS

GAME 45	W39	V	W37
Stuttgart Arena FRIDAY JULY 5, KICK-OFF 5pm (Stuttgart)			
GAME 47	W43	V	W44
Olympiastadion Berlin SATURDAY JULY 6, KICK-OFF 8pm (Berlin)			

GAME 46	W41	V	W42
Volksparkstadion Hamburg FRIDAY JULY 5, KICK-OFF 8pm (Hamburg)			
GAME 48	W40	V	W38
Düsseldorf Arena SATURDAY JULY 6, KICK-OFF 5pm (Düsseldorf)			

SEMI-FINALS

GAME 49	W45	V	W46
Munich Football Arena TUESDAY JULY 9, KICK-OFF 8pm (Munich)			
GAME 50	W47	V	W48
BVB Stadion Dortmund WEDNESDAY JULY 10, KICK-OFF 8pm (Dortmund)			

FINAL

GAME 51	WINNER 49	V	WINNER 50
Olympiastadion Berlin SUNDAY JULY 14, KICK-OFF 8pm (Berlin)			





EURO REKIND



TELLI'S VISION
Balotelli celebrates his first goal on a night when his two strikes sent Italy to the final

THAT WAS SUPER MARIO

Balotelli's brilliant double sank Germany and sent Italy into the final

GERMANY 1 ITALY 2

Euro 2012 semi-final: National Stadium, Warsaw, Thursday, June 28

OCCASIONALLY, a player comes along in football who is impossible to fathom.

From Eric Cantona to Zlatan Ibrahimovic, they carry many of the same characteristics – brooding and outspoken.

Mario Balotelli arrived in the Premier League as a young man showing those traits but also one other thing that Cantona and

Ibrahimovic possessed. He exhibited flashes of a magic touch with a ball.

He signed for Manchester City in 2010 on his 20th birthday, and so began a journey of exquisite passes and goals, mixed with red cards (four in two and a half seasons) on the field, and mayhem off it.

Life in England included an infamous incident letting off fireworks inside his bathroom to start a fire in his house plus regular battles to put on his bib in training to the amusement of photographers.

But Germany found out to their cost never to underestimate the

striker once his fuse is lit. For all his antics, the Italian striker undoubtedly had an eye for goal and six weeks after his pass set up Sergio Aguero for the most famous goal in Manchester City's history, he was centre stage for his country.

He underlined his ability at the age of 21 as the Azzurri's No.9 with a superb double to fire Italy into the final.

Balotelli put Italy on their way when he headed Antonio Cassano's cross past Manuel Neuer then added a thunderous right-foot effort from the edge of the box just before half-time. Off came the shirt in a defiant

celebration directed at his critics who had dared to question him.

Mesut Ozil's stoppage-time penalty later provided brief anxiety for Italy but their victory was confirmed moments later as Balotelli embraced his adopted mum Silvia in the front row and he described the game as the "greatest night of my life".

"At the end of the game I went to my mother – that was the best moment," he said. "I told her these goals were for her."

"I waited a long time for this moment, especially as my mother is not young any more and can't travel

far, so I had to make her happy when she came all the way here."

Balotelli's fairy-tale ended when Cesare Prandelli's Italy were subsequently trounced 4-0 in the final by Spain in Kiev.

He still knocks in goals for Adana Demirspor in Turkey while his nation is threatening perhaps another run to the Euros final with a good-looking squad this summer.

But in the modern football world of tactical chess games, oh for a flash of individual brilliance just once more from Mario 'Why Always Me' Balotelli.

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PEP LOOKALIKES:
But can (left, from top) Erik ten Hag (Man United), Enzo Maresca (Chelsea) and Arne Slot (Liverpool) challenge Premier megamind Guardiola and his Manchester City aces

GOLDEN BALDIES

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And these bosses will be planning to enjoy a hair-raising Premier ride, too...

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LEAGUES AHEAD:
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UP FOR THE CUP
United lift the FA Cup. Can they repeat the feat on May 17, 2025?

OPENING WEEKEND		
Man United	v	Fulham
Arsenal	v	Wolves
Everton	v	Brighton
Ipswich	v	Liverpool
Newcastle	v	Southampton
Forest	v	Bournemouth
West Ham	v	Aston Villa
Brentford	v	Crystal Palace
Chelsea	v	Man City
Leicester	v	Tottenham
BOXING DAY		
Bournemouth	v	Palace
Arsenal	v	Ipswich
Brighton	v	Brentford
Chelsea	v	Fulham
Liverpool	v	Leicester
Man City	v	Everton
Newcastle	v	Aston Villa
Forest	v	Tottenham
Southampton	v	West Ham
Wolves	v	Man United
FINAL DAY		
Bournemouth	v	Leicester
Fulham	v	Man City
Ipswich	v	West Ham
Liverpool	v	Crystal Palace
Man United	v	Aston Villa
Newcastle	v	Everton
Forest	v	Chelsea
Southampton	v	Arsenal
Tottenham	v	Brighton
Wolves	v	Brentford

- JULY**
14 European Championship final (Olympiastadion, Berlin)
14 Copa America final (Hard Rock Stadium, Miami. 1am UK time July 15)
- AUGUST**
10 Championship, League One, League Two kick off
10 Community Shield, Manchester City v Manchester United
13-14 Carabao Cup starts
16 Premier League kicks off
29 Champions League league stage draw
30 Europa League league stage draw
30 Europa Conference League league stage draw
30 Transfer window in England closes (11pm)
- SEPTEMBER**
5 Nations League, Northern Ireland v Luxembourg.
6 Nations League, Wales v Turkey
7 Nations League, Republic of Ireland v England
8 Nations League, Bulgaria v Northern Ireland. Portugal v Scotland
9 Nations League, Montenegro v Wales
10 Nations League, England v Finland
17-19 Champions League league stage, matchday 1
21-22 WSL Season kicks off
25-26 Europa League league stage, matchday 1
- OCTOBER**
1-2 Champions League league stage, matchday 2
3 Europa League league stage,

2024-25: KEY DATES

- matchday 2
3 Europa Conference League league stage, matchday 1
10 Nations League, England v Greece
11 Nations League, Iceland v Wales
12 Nations League, Croatia v Scotland. Belarus v Northern Ireland
13 Nations League, Finland v England. Greece v Republic of Ireland
14 Nations League, Wales v Montenegro
15 Nations League, Northern Ireland v Bulgaria. Scotland v Portugal
22-23 Champions League league stage, matchday 3
24 Europa League league stage, matchday 3
24 Europa Conference League league stage, matchday 2
- NOVEMBER**
2 FA Cup first round
5-6 Champions League league stage, matchday 4
7 Europa League league stage, matchday 4
7 Europa Conference League league stage, matchday 3
14 Nations League, Greece v England. Finland v Republic of Ireland
15 Nations League, Scotland v Croatia

- 16 Nations League, Turkey v Wales
17 Nations League, England v Republic of Ireland
18 Nations League, Poland v Scotland. Luxembourg v Northern Ireland
19 Nations League, Wales v Iceland
26-27 Champions League league stage, matchday 5
28 Europa Conference League league stage, matchday 4
30 FA Cup second round
- DECEMBER**
10-11 Champions League league stage, matchday 6
12 Europa League league stage, matchday 6
12 Europa Conference League league stage, matchday 5
19 Europa Conference League league stage, matchday 6
20 Europa Conference League knockout round playoffs draw
- JANUARY**
1 Transfer window in England opens
11 FA Cup third round
21-22 Champions League league stage, matchday 7
23 Europa League league stage, matchday 7
29 Champions League league stage, matchday 8
30 Europa League league

- stage, matchday 8
31 Champions League, Europa League knockout round playoffs draws
- FEBRUARY**
3 Transfer window in England closes (11pm)
8 FA Cup fourth round
11-12 Champions League knockout round playoffs, first leg
13 Europa League knockout round play-offs, first leg
13 Europa Conference League knockout round play-offs, first leg
18-19 Champions League knockout round playoffs, second leg
20 Europa League, knockout round play-offs, second leg
20 Europa Conference League knockout round play-offs, second leg
21 Champions League, Europa League, Europa Conference League round of 16, quarter-finals and semi-finals draws
- MARCH**
1 FA Cup fifth round
4-5 Champions League round of 16, first leg
6 Europa League round of 16, first leg
6 Europa Conference League round of 16, first leg

- 11-12 Champions League round of 16, second leg
13 Europa League round of 16, second leg
13 Europa Conference League round of 16, second leg
16 Carabao Cup final
15-16 Women's League Cup final
- 21-22 World Cup qualifiers, matchday 1
24-25 World Cup qualifiers, matchday 2
29 FA Cup quarter-finals
- APRIL**
8-9 Champions League quarter-finals, first leg
10 Europa League quarter-finals, first leg
10 Europa Conference League quarter-finals, first leg
15-16 Champions League quarter-finals, second leg
17 Europa League quarter-finals, second leg
17 Europa Conference League quarter-finals, second leg
26 FA Cup semi-finals
29-30 Champions League semi-finals, first leg
- MAY**
1 Europa League semi-finals, first leg
1 Europa Conference League semi-finals, first leg

- 3 EFL season final day
6-7 Champions League semi-finals, second leg
8 Europa League semi-finals, second leg
8 Europa Conference League semi-finals, second leg
10-11 WSL season final weekend
17 FA Cup final (Wembley)
21 Europa League final (Estadio de San Mamés, Bilbao)
24 League Two Play-Off final (Wembley)
25 Premier League, final day of season
25 League One Play-Off final (Wembley)
26 Championship Play-Off final (Wembley)
28 Europa Conference League final (Stadion Wroclaw, Poland)
31 Champions League final (Allianz Arena, Munich)
- JUNE**
4 Nations League, League A first semi-final
5 Nations League, League A second semi-final
6-7 World Cup qualifiers, matchday 3
8 Nations League, League A final
9-10 World Cup qualifiers, matchday 4